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STANDARD OIL PLOT.

Chicago Authoress to Make Attack on Trust Methods.

Gertrude Potter Daniels Claims That the Arguments of Her New Story Are Based on Facts Verified by Records.

Mrs. Gertrude Potter Daniels is about to follow "The Warners" with another novel, says the Chicago Tribune. Not daunted by the criticism the first book provoked by its attitude toward certain industrial conditions, she says that the second book may meet still more opposition, for it will be a direct attack upon some of the methods of the Standard Oil company.

The book is to be finished by January, and there is considerable detail yet to be written. In outline Mrs. Daniels says she will begin with an episode in the operations of the trust which she has verified by records, but transferring her characters to the west from the east, where the thing occurred. A man discovers an oil well and associates with himself a company of three or four, pooling their means, to develop it. An Eastern man, experienced, refined and intelligent, with a weakness for drink, is employed as superintendent. Then the trust steps in. The offer to purchase is refused, and the superintendent is approached. At first he is incorruptible, but the bribe is a greater sum than he can ever hope to lay by from his salary, and he has the promise of protection afterwards. The new buildings are completed, the machinery installed, and on the morning when that which promised immediate wealth to the little company was to be set in motion there was a terrible explosion, never explained, and the new plant was hopelessly wrecked. The superintendent turns up afterward in Boston. He has plenty of money and lives without work. It is three years before conscience, deadened by drink, awakes, and remorse drives him to seek the little company of men whose fortunes

GERTRUDE POTTER DANIELS.
(Chicago Author Who Is Becoming a National Celebrity.)

he wrecked and confess the plot against them. They enter a suit against the trust, and the developments of this litigation Mrs. Daniels will make the basis for her argument against the Standard Oil company.

So much for the trusts, but the book will have the lighter touches of a love story, although the hero does not make an auspicious advent. He is born in New York city, grows up an honest, intelligent youth, but handicapped by poverty. His ambition is to get out to the great west where fortunes can be made, and, frenzied with the desire, he resolves to steal the money that will take him there. He mingles with the throng on Broadway, and at the opportune moment steals a woman's purse. The act is noted by an older thief. He follows the boy out to a lonely street where he stops in an open lot to count the money, demands the purse or threatens exposure. The boy kills him, he thinks, in self-defense. He starts for the west, and his money carries him as far as the desert lands, where he falls in with a family of consumptives trying to reach Colorado. The man dies with the disease, and then the wife, leaving to the boy's care a little daughter. He does not go on to San Francisco, but taking the child with him makes his way to the Texas oil region. He cares for the child as his sister, and afterwards their love story classifies the book as a romance.

Suffered for Bird's Crime.

Dumb animals sometimes have the power of causing fearful changes in a human life. A man named Fergus, who last year was discharged from Blackmoor prison in England after serving three years in jail, always claimed he was entirely innocent of the crime of which he was accused. Fergus was sent to Blackmoor on conviction of the theft of Lady Allonvale's diamond ring. The prisoner always claimed that his pet jackdaw had stolen the ring and left it on the window sill, where he had found it. His story was discredited until finally the skeleton of a jackdaw was discovered under a trap door in Lady Avendale's house. Then Fergus was believed and his pardon followed.

The Cathedral of Cologne.

One would think that the identity of the architect of such a superbly designed building as the Cologne cathedral could not possibly be lost to the world. But it is. The cathedral took centuries to build, and many architects have modeled parts of it according to their own ideas. The result is the most beautiful cathedral in the world.

Cats Sacrificed to Fashion.

A hundred tons of cats' tails were recently sold in one lot in New York for ornamenting ladies' wearing apparel. This means that no fewer than 1,792,000 pussies had been killed to supply this one consignment.

Another Worm Turns.

"And I want you to remember, men," said the distinguished visitor who was addressing the crowd, "that 'there's plenty of room at the top.'"

"That won't do me no good!" spoke up a shock-headed man in the audience. "What I want is plenty of room here at the bottom!"—Chicago Tribune.

Self-Esteem.

"Yes," said the youngster's mother, "Mr. Bliggins insists that our boy is going to grow up to be a wonderfully intellectual and estimable man."

"That is only a natural parental pride."

"Perhaps. I am not quite sure whether it is parental pride or belief in heredity."—Washington Star.

What Ailed Hendry.

Briggs—Hendry was rebuking me for being envious of people who are better than myself. He says that is one sin that cannot be laid at his door.

Griggs—No; Hendry doesn't believe there is anybody better than he is or that anybody possibly could be.—Boston Transcript.

Might Have Repented.

"John, I think I hear robbers in the house!"

"Don't say a word, dear; perhaps they are the ones who charged you $17 for your last hat, and perhaps they are going to bring some of the $17 back."—Yonkers Statesman.

In Chicago.

"Mrs. Wabash looks like such a loable woman."

"Lovable! I should say she was lovable! That's her long suit. She had five husbands in seven years!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Male Owner.

Jake—Here's an advertisement in th 'paper fer that dog you found. The man wot owns him offers a reward.

Jim—How d'ye know it's a man?

Jake—Th' paper says "no questions asked."—N. Y. Weekly.

Masonic Notes

Quite a number of colored Masons in Philadelphia, Pa., met last week and adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of the State of Pennsylvania, has recently issued an edict declaring and attempting to put Royal Arch Masonry and Knight Templars and all other higher Masonic Degrees in Free Masonry under the control and management of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we here proclaim to the whole Masonic Order that such action upon the part of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and such gross unsurpation of power and authority by W. H. Miller, grand secretary and grand Master Thomas is unheard of before in the annals of Free Masonry. The same has been denounced by the Masonic Fraternity throughout the country.

Resolved further, that we believe that said Grand Lodge by its action is unlawful and unwarranted, and unconstitutional and void, and that the said Grand Lodge is now dissolved and its authority and power as a Grand Lodge is now at an end, and has ceased, and that the colored Masons of the State of Pennsylvania, shall now call a convention and proceed to organize a legal and regular Masonic Grand Lodge for the State of Pennsylvania.

Sometime ago the Grand Lodge of colored Masons in the State of Michgan has been continually in a state of confusion and trouble. It was charged and claimed by a number of the leading colored masons in the State of Michigan, that when the Grand Lodge was organized and since its organization, that it was illegal and clandestine and a large number of prominent masons in the State of Michigan have never recognized the old Masonic Grand Lodges in that State. For many years free masonry in the State of Michigan under the leadership of John Evans and his followers has been a failure. and the fraternity has gone to sleep. John A. Bell, 33, of Grand Rapids, Mich., G. W. Gough, 33, John A. Freeman, 33, Samuel Baylies, 32, of Ann Arbor Mich, and a large number of other prominent colored masons together with several subordinate Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington, D. C., will meet at Ypsilanti, Mich., and will organize a regular Grand Lodge for the State of Michigan. We predict under the leadership of John A. Bell in the State of Michigan, that free Masonry will be placed upon its high standing among the colored masons in that State, as on man stands higher in the estimation of the people in the State of Michigan, than John A. Bell of Grand Rapids.

Much has been said and written recently about two or three Grand Lodges and Grand Masters among colored Masons in the United States that have undertaken to dictate and control and meddle and interfere with the higher Masonic Degrees in free Masonry. To the end that we may thoroughly understand the matter it has been laid down as the Masonic Law and a Masonic Rule ever since Grand Lodges were instituted and ever since the office of Grand Master was created, that no Grand Lodges or Grand Master has any constitution or inherent right directly or indirectly or in any manner whatever to interfere with or have any power or authority in any sense whatever over a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or Council of Royal and select Masters, or commanders of Knight Templars. or Temples of the Mystic Shrine, or consstories of the 32nd degree of the Ancient and accepted Scottish Rite, or any branch or department of free Masonry above a Master Masons degree; nor has any Grand Master or Grand Lodge Officer acting for a Grand Lodge any power or authority whatever directly or indirectly, constitutionally or inherent to say what bodies or departments of free Masonry that Master Masons shall join or connect themselves with. Nor have they any right to demand any information from such Master Masons as to who are members of the Temple of the Mystic Shrine or consistory or Council of Royal and Select Masters or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or Commanderies of Knight Templars, or what Church or what political organization they belong to. Nor has any Grand Master or Grand Lodge any right to discuss or inter into a conversation in a Grand Lodge as to any of the departments of Free Masonry above the Master Masons Degree and it is not their business to inquire or allow any discussion in a Grand Lodge or has any Grand Master any business, power or authority to inquire into their business and the rules and regulations above named. Any other Masonic Body or Department of Free Masonry, outside of the entered apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Masons degree, Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Mason and subordinate Lodges instituted for the purpose of controlling and regulating and directing the first three degrees in free Masonry, namely that of entered apprentice, fellow craft and and Master Masons Degrees. and under no circumstances whatever no others and when any Grand Lodge or Grand Master or subordinate Lodges of A. F. and A. Master in any State or Territory or country, attempt to discuss, meddle or interfere with, or allow any discussion in their Grand Lodge, or any Grand Master acting for a Grand Lodge who may attempt to interfere or assume authority or departments of free Masonry, outside of the Enetered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Masons degree, then said Grand Lodge and his subordinate Lodges than by virtue of their warrant and authority and according to the Masonic Law at once, cease to exist, as a subordinate Lodge or a Grand Lodge and a subordinate Lodge or a Grand Lodge becomes at once null and void, and is no Grand Lodge whatever, and should not be recognized as a Grand Lodge. All Masons in such states or teriitories or places have a lawful Masonic right when such Grand Masters and Grand Lodges have violated the law they have a right to meet and organize a new Grand Lodge according to the Masonic Law, rules and regulations of the craft.

No Grand Master or Grand Lodge has any more right or authority to meddle or distrust or interfere in the least or essay the Master Mason what department in free Masonry than the higher Masonic Degrees. They should correct themselves with or belong to, no more than they would have a right to know and determine what religious Church or demonination or political association they should connect themselves with. The two or three Grand Masters and Grand Lodges among the colored Masons in the United States who have attempted to meddle in a higher Masonic Degree is not only a violation of the Masonic Law but is an extraordinary exposition of ignorance on the part of those who do it.

MUSICAL ASSOCIATION OF St. LUKE'S P. E. CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the above-named association, was held at the Rectory No. 1411 Corcoran street last Monday evening. The officers chosen for the ensuing year were as follows; President J. A. Johnson, Vice-President Mrs. Eliza J. Norwood, Secretary Mrs. Celestine Alston, Treasurer, Mrs. Anna M. Cole, Executive Committee J. J. Lester, Annie M. Johnson, Sofa Dangerfield, Anna E. Grusor and Anna J. Smith. The object of this association is not as its name would seem to infer, that of strictly musical; it is more than this,—that of meeting together regularly each month for social intercourse and enjoyment, and that of passing a quiet evening in informal greeting and converse.

Eligibility to membership does not require knowledge of music in any form, nor that each member should be an attendant upon the services of St. Luke's church. Any lady or gentleman is eligible upon qualifying by the payment of the fee twenty-five cents, and ten cents monthly, thereafter. The meetings are held regularly the first Monday in each month, lasting on an average of about an hour. After which the remainder of the evening is spent in innocent games, recitations, music, instrumental and vocal, etc., so those present may elect. Slight refreshments are always served by the Eexecutive Committee. At the meeting held last Monday evening, the following informal programe was most acceptably rendered. Instrumental solo (piano) Mrs. A. F. Hillyer, Solo, (vocal) Miss Marie James, Instrumental solo (piano) Mrs. Pellam, Select reading, Mrs. Jesse Lawson. The next regular meeting will be held at the Rectory Monday evening November 4th after which meetings (the first Monday in each Month) will be held at the residence of the members, who may kindly place their parlors at the services of the association.

CAPT. CHARLES G. AYERS,
Who will now Be Promoted.

The Roosevelt Washington Dinner.

I have noticed the various expressions of the Southern man (white) upon the action of our President in extending to Mr. Booker T. Washington a dinner. As well known as Mr. Washington is, I fail to see where the critiscism comes in, when we look the matter over the President like the head of the British Emrpire has a mixed multitude of citizens of all colors, creeds, &c, under his control as the Chief Executive of this great Republic, and it is very strange that he cannot exercise his private social rights without so much critisism. In some countries the parties who have criticised his acts would be imprisoned for treason. If the Southern white man would cast his mind back to 1861 and then to 1865 inclusive, and reflect, it strikes me that he would keep silent. There are hundreds of Union men living today who remember Libby, Andersonville, and other notorious rebel Prisons where thousands of union soldiers, prisoners of war were deliberately starved to death, and other barbarous methods used to exterminate. At the same time the Union Army treated the rebel prisoners like human beings, If Jeff Davis and other rebel leaders had had their just deserts they would have been strung to the highest tree and hung as traitors as they justly deserved. In some countries their heads would have been cut off. These Southern gentlemen should reflect how they tried to break up this great republic (And got left) and that the black man helped to leave them. The President has a perfect right to treat his colored subjects with kindness and courtesy as much so as his white ones. The President will find that he makes no mistake in treating the colored brother right, we all know that as long as the colored vote of this country was united with the Republican party, it (The Republican party) remained in power for over a quarter of a century, but when it split, the Democrats came in. And had they remained in power we would have seen grass growing on Pennsylvania Ave. The Republican party and the united black vote need never fear the Solid South, these different expression of opinions from prominent Southerners should convince some of our chronic kickers the necessity of unification, and remember ing that united we stand, divided we fall. One of the great mistakes made by the Government (with no disrespect) is that of not surpressing camps of confederate veterans. In the opinion of many they are doing more harm than good. They simply propagate and perpetuate ideas of the lost cause, viz: Sedition. The main thing the Southerner thinks of is keeping the nigger down, burning him at the stake, and giving him the old bluff on election day.. The action of some Southerners are very much like those of the red-race. Consequently they are much surprised when they see the colored brother treated with any courtesy whatever. Again they should remember their treatment of the colored brother for over 250 yearrs.

D. F. SEVILLE.

BIAS ADVICE.

A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR LECTURES A NEGRO FAIR.

SOCIAL EQUALITY AN IDLE DREAM.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 29.—Gov. Aycock to-day opened the negro State fair in an address, in which he urged the negro to build up society among themselves, founded on culture, intelligence and virtue. In the course of the address he referred to the incident of President Roosevelt dining Booker T. Washington. In telling the negroes that their best friends lived in the South, he told them they did not need recognition by the President, as it would avail nothing in the South. He said:

"It may not be inappropriate for me upon this occasion to express to you the hope that recent events occuring in the nation may not unduly excite you, and that you will still remember that your best friends are those who live in your State. What you wish, what you need more than recognition by the President or other people in authority, is the establishment among yourselves of a society founded upon culture, intelligence, and virtue, and in no wise dependent upon those of a different race.

"The law which separates you from the white people in the State socially always has been and always will be inexorable, and it need not concern you nor me whether that law is violated elsewhere, it will never be violated in the South. Its violation would be to your destruction, as well as to the injury of the whites. No thoughtful conservative, and upright Southerner has for your race aught but the kindest feeling, and we are willing and anxious to see you grow into the highest citizenship of which you are capable, and we are willing to give our energies and best thought to aid you in the great work necessary to make you what you are capable of, and to assist you in that elevation of character and virtue, which tends to the strenghtening of the State.

"But to do this it is absolutely necessary that each race should remain distinct and have a society of its own. Inside of your own race you can grow as large and broad and high as God permits with the air, the sympathy, and the encouragements of your white neighbors. If you can equal the white race in achievments, in scholarship, literature, in art, in industry, and commerce, you will find no generous-minded white man who will stand in your way, but all of them in the South will assist that you shall accomplish this high end without social intermingling, and this is well for you. It is well for us, it is necessary for the peace of our section, it is essential to the education of your children that there should be no misunderstanding upon this point.

"I am sure that you agree with me in what I have said, and in the spirit of one who is the governor of the whole people, without regard to race, I bid you God-speed in the great work of upbuilding our State, of multiplying her industries, of increasing her commerce, of educating all her children. I find no little encouragement in the friendly co-operation of the men and women of your race in the task which we have undertaken to do, that of educating all the children, and I pray you that in this great work we shall not be retarded by misunderstandings."

In reply, Dr. C. H. King, a prominent negro minister of the Methodist Church, said that the negroes did not want social equality and did not indorse Booker Washington. He said that neither he nor his people wanted to sit down to the dinner table of the whites and that they were not in sympathy with any such idea.

IN MEMORIAM.

Robert R. Brown, the beloved husband of Mrs. Rosa Brown died November 3rd 1900. He was a faithful and loving husband. Robert I miss you. By his wife.

Rosa Brown.

MORE COLORED MEN KILLED

A BLOODY SCENE SOUTH.

New Orleans, Oct. 29.—A special to the Picayune from Balltown, La. says that race war between the blacks and whites which started at a negro camp-meeting at Duncan's Chapel Sunday, forms a story of blood unequaled in the history of the Pearl River Valley. One white man is dead, another is dying with a bullet hole through his stomach, and a third white man badly injured.

Nine negroes were killed in the bloody affray—five men, three women, and one small child. A dozen or perhaps more negroes escaped to the woods and swamps with wounds that are believed to be certain death in the brush away from medical care. The dead, white:

Joseph Seal, son of Willis Seal, age 32, residence at Varando, La.

Wounded, white: Clarence Thomas Elliott, age 26, fatally wounded; residence, Varando, La.

Dead, colored: Rev. Alexander Connolly, 50, pastor Duncan Chapel; Mary Davis, 30, his daughter; Crear Lott, 46; Julia Peters, Lott's daughter, 24; Mellon Peters, her child; Amy Tony, mother-in-law of Crear Lott: Lewis Duncan, son Helen Dunn, Thomas Parker, and Kid Beverly a turpentine worker from Georgia.

SOUNDED LIKE A BATTLE.

No one is able to estimate the number of wounded negroes who escaped the carnage behind the church. They scattered in all directions. Some are known to have been shot, but they have not been found, The conflict raged for half an hour. Those at a distance say the firing sounded like a battle between troops.

To the camp-meeting negroes had come from 200 miles, all up and down the valley. Elder Stephen Duncan, of New Orleans, for whom the chapel was named, was present.

On last Thursday the meeting opened, with several hundred negroes encamped around the church in tents and in rudely-contructed shanties. It was to continue one week. There they ate and slept, and held services in the chapel.

One day previous to the camp-meeting, when the negro, Bill Morris, had been burned at the stake near Balltown for an assault on Mrs. J. J. Bull, public feeling was at a high pitch. Under those conditions the negroes gathered at Live Oak. There was trouble over a license, and Crear Lott's tent became the center of contention. Some trouble occurred Saturday evening, but there was no bloodshed. It came up again Sunday afternoon when Constable Boon and a posse rode up to Lott's tent with a warrant.

Lott came out and is reported to have shouted with an oath: "One nigger has been burned, but a white man will be next."

BLOW FROM A WINCHESTER.

Wade Walker one of the constable's posse was struck over the head with a Winchester, and then slaughter began. The blacks fled from the frail wooden church, for it was shelter from the rain of bullets. Lott retired into his tent, shouting and fighting. Joe Seal received his death wound.

Preacher Connolly was shot while standing in his yard. His daughter fell just inside the house. The other negroes around Lott's place kept up a steady rain of bullets. Lott's mother-in-law, his two daughters, and the little boy fell in a heap inside the shelter. Crear Lott was barricaded, and the next move was to fire the place, which they did. When the fire forced him from cover he appeared in the doorway and twenty rifle balls went crashing through him. He fell in a heap. Parker and Beverly, both blacks fell with him.

Joseph Seal, Charles Elliott, and Edward Thompson, the wounded whites, were carried away to the home of F. P. Sones which was hastily converted into a hospital. There Seal died yesterday. He was buried to-day from his home in Varando, six miles away, and there, in the Sones' emergency hospital, Elliott now lies dying.

GENERAL RISING OF WHITES.

For twenty-four hours it looked as if a general uprising would wipe out the black race in Washington Parish. The news spread like wildfire, and by yesterday over 1,000 armed men had reached the scene of battle. They came for miles and miles; some from as far away as Monticello, but when Sheriff Norman H. Simmons and J. K. Johnson; clerk of the court of the parish, arrived from Franklin yesterday, the excitement was considerably allayed.

Gov. Longino, of Mississippi, and Gov. Heard, of Louisiana, were notified, and the replies came that troops would be hurried to the scene.

Yesterday afternoon the nine negroes who were left in a heap where they died were piled into their unmarked graves, dug near the charred remains of Lott's tent house. There was no ceremony. The minister and his daughter filled one of the holes, the women and child another, the men a third. At the same time prominent citizens held a conference, which was attended by Sheriff Simmons, and a message was sent to the negroes.

"Do you want any more?" was the query.

"No," came the reply.

This had a quieting effect; peace again reigned, and the negroes left the country. The whites believe there will be no further trouble.

THEY SAY.

Don't be too certain about anything.

The pit you dig for others may be filled by you.

Dogs may bark, but they are generally harmless.

You may see a thing and yet not prove it.

Some people's misfortune is the result of some one's gain.

Some people live on the misfortunes of others.

Do the best you can it will do you good some times.

This is a world of sin hence, you must be careful how you go.

Be certain that you are right and then you are safe.

Be above suspicion and then you will not be watched.

Do right, then you need not think that every bush is an officer.

You cannot always have your own way.

The successful man is he who does right.

Don't drag your friends into scorn others.

They are for the vulgar and the impure.

If you have a good friend stick to him.

Don't believe all that is said to you.

Some people don't know when they have a good friend.

You shall reap what you sow.

Those whom you have aided often turn against you.

Think well of those who have befriended you.

We often see others faults but not our own.

Be what you are and don't put on youself a false face.

President Roosevelt is a man.

Senators Hanna and Foraker are safe leaders.

Ohio will go strongly republican in November.

Be sure that you are right.

The South will attempt to dictate where the President shall go hereafter.

The President will have to consult the southern democracts what he shall eat before long.

Nothing is certain until it is made certain.

The President knows what to do and when he says a thing he means it.

Think before you speak.

Look out for the weekly *Recora*

The people should support their papers.

There was a great day at the Second Baptist Church.

Do your duty and nothing more can be expected.

Read THE BEE if you want a live paper.

There was a sensation sprung by Jones Monday.

He laughes best who laughes lest.

Don't be too certain in anything.

Den't be acuated by jeolousy.

It pays to be honest.

The next move will be made soon.

It is easier for some peop'e to lie than it is to tell the truth.

Don't take up other peoples troubles.

The best thing to do is right.

Bad advice from your enemies is poor advice.

There is need of reformation in the schools.

There were a clamor for a change and it was made.

You got it and still you are not satisfied.

Read THE BEE and be happy.

Loaning of Jewelry.

It is the practice of London West end jewelers to loan magnificent tiaras and other articles of jewelry for special occasions. These things are loaned as a courtesy to specially good customers, while other people less well known must make a deposit of the value of the jewels before taking them.

Derivation of "Tawdry."

"Tawdry" is derived from St. Audrey. In the early middle ages fairs were held in France and England on St. Audrey day, and these annual gatherings became noted for the gaudy and worthless jewelry sold at them.

BULLET PROOF CLOTH

Genuine Life Protectors for Rulers and Public Men.

Had President McKinley Worn One of Szesepanik's Undershirts No Anarchist Could Have Killed Him.

"An undergarment of this material," said Dr. Szcezepanik, of Vienna, "would have rendered the bullet of that Buffalo anarchist entirely harmless. A month from now all rulers and a great many public men the world over will be wearing them, that is, if we can supply the demand."

The Austrian Edison pointed to a woven fabric cut in the shape of a high waistcoat, and, drawn over a lay figure, possessing just as much elasticity and power of resistance as a live human body.

"Have you got your revolver with you?"

The correspondent protested that he never carried such a thing.

"Pardon me," cried the inventor, "I thought every American did."

He opened a drawer containing an assortment of six-shooters of all calibers and makes. The correspondent selected a well-known pattern registered "seven millimeters caliber," loaded it carefully, and took a position near the door.

"No, no," said Szcezepanik, "nowadays assassins come up quite closely to their intended victims."

"What is the proper distance?"

"Suit yourself. Stand six feet, or twelve, or fifteen, or two, or four. It's all the same."

The bullet, which was of considerable size, rebounded the instant it struck, and fell upon the floor. Three more shots fired in quick succession, and well aimed, had the same negative result. The correspondent was given full liberty to investigate. He sounded the lay figure, handled and punched it. Szcezepanik does not care at present to reveal the nature of its material. However, the writer feels certain that it has no metallic substance. It is pliable and as little resisting to the

SHOOTING AT A DUMMY.
(Testing Mr. Szezepanik's Bullet-Proof Underclothes.)

touch of one's finger as the swelling of a woman's arm.

On the covering there were four dark spots, the impressions of the bullets fired on to it, not into it. The material is white silk-like and about four millimeters thick. "One could make a nice winter coat out of this," said the inventor, "if it was not so expensive, but a shield of this stuff worn under the shirt will suffice for the purposes for which it is intended—the protection of rulers and public men in general. The shield should cover all vital parts. The head could be protected by a skull cap, and the face, if necessary, by a fan or an umbrella of this material."

"And if you want to go still further, the cover of the carriages used by the executive, as well as the curtains and hangings of his box at the theater might be manufactured of this bullet and dagger proof material."

So sure is Szcezepanik of the invulnerability of the cloth that he offered himself as a target to the correspondent, who declined. "There are more than a dozen men in the factory who feel as strongly as I on the subject," he said.

"President Carnot and the unhappy empress of Austria died by the assassin's knife," continued the inventor. "Indeed, at one time the European secret police gathered information to the effect that anarchists had decided to abandon altogether revolver, shotgun and infernal machines for the dagger. Hence, a life protector of this kind would not be perfect unless responding to all possible emergencies. There," pointing to a drawer, "you will find an assortment of stillettos, bowies, butchers' knives, and several other sorts of knives. Select any weapon you please and perforate my cuirass if you can."

A brigand's knife was used first, then a bowie was used, bread knife, and a shoemaker's knife afterwards, but the point of neither penetrated the silk material by one hundredth part of a millimeter, even though the newspaper man did the stabbing with all the force and strength at his command.

As to the why and wherefore, Szcezepanik would only say this: "It's all in the weaving. The method of weaving adopted paralyzes concussion by distributing the shock over the entire area of the garment. Of course the material is especially selected for the purpose."

Szcezepanik is sure that his invention will at last furnish rulers and public men with the necessary life protector necessary as long as there are anarchists and other lunatics in the world. As intimated, the price of the cloth is great, for the present at least, but that cuts no figure. Eventually the dagger and bullet proof material may become cheap enough to revolutionize warfare, but that is a long ways off.

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"I did not formerly believe that dogs possess an instinct by which they can read character in human beings," remarked an Indianapolis woman to a Journal reporter, "but now I am positive it is true. I had an experience last night that was equivalent to a demonstration.

"A few days ago a long, lank yellow dog, about three feet high, of decidedly unprepossessing appearance except for its benevolent face, came to our house, and finding me standing at the kitchen door, began to wag his

BEGAN TO GROWL.

tail earnestly and to look into my face with a gaze that contained an unspeakable appeal for something to eat. Of course I could not resist the plea of a dumb brute that was hungry. What woman can? I did not see it any more until last night when I had occasion to go up town at a rather late hour. I had hardly gone a few feet from my house before I heard the delicate patter of animal feet back of me. Looking around I saw my four-footed pensioner of a few days before, still wagging his tail, but this time looking at me with only gratitude and kindly feeling in his face. I was not particularly well pleased at being followed through the public streets by such a sorry-looking creature, but when I told the dog to go back he gently refused to obey.

"When I had accomplished the purpose of my errand and turned to retrace my steps homeward the dog was there to accompany me. Just as we were turning off the Circle into one of the principal streets a man stepped rudely into my pathway and grinned at me. Quick as a flash the dog sprang in front of me, and, curling his lips, began to growl in a most terrifying way, saying in a manner as intelligible as if he had employed human utterance: 'I guess you had better clear out of here at once.'

"The man lost little time in retreating to the dark corner from which he had come, and the rest of the way home, you may be very sure, I paid a great deal of attention to my humble protector."

EAGLE WAS A REAL FIGHTER.

Big Bird Whipped a Catamount and Required a Brave Man to Effect Its Capture.

A large American eagle, which was captured near Charleston, S. C., after it had whipped a catamount, was brought to Charleston and placed in a

THE EAGLE TURNED.

cage, from which it had to be moved later. The owner advertised for a brave man willing to overpower the bird without weapons.

H. J. Welch, a piano tuner, agreed to undertake the job, and a crowd surrounded the building to watch the event.

Welch first endeavored to throw a sack over the eagle's head, but this failed and the eagle showed signs of fight. The door was quickly opened and Welch rushed in. He seized the eagle by the legs, but it gave a swift lunge toward the door, passed out and dragged the would-be captor. Welch was dragged 20 feet, when the eagle turned and a desperate fight followed. The piano tuner was getting the rough end of the conflict, but bystanders interfered and the eagle was crippled and shoved into another cage. Welch was bruised and scratched, but otherwise was not inured.

Playing His Way to Buffalo.

W. A. Lipton, who says he is from Milwaukee and is playing his way to Buffalo on a wager, arrived in Chicago the other night with a violin under his arm. The wager, he says, makes it necessary that he should arrive in Buffalo within two weeks. When he left Milwaukee he had 15 cents. This sum was increased when Lipton played and sang on the streets.

BULL STARTED BACK.

Would Not Attack a Woman Made Up as a Statue.

Perilous Performance of Senorita Mercedes del Barte, Known as Donna Tancreda, Beautiful Queen of Valor.

According to a London correspondent there appeared, a few weeks ago, some alluring advertisements which were especially attractive to those Parisians who love excitement, and who had had their appetite for such things tickled by the races of the Rue Pergolese. The attraction this time was a woman, Donna Tancreda, who, made up to resemble a statue, was to await, motionless in the arena, the assault of the bull, and to conquer it by her immobility. At the last moment this performance, which was to have taken place at Enghein, was forbidden. It did, however, take place at Roubaix. Here is an exact account of what happened at the "suerte" of the statue:

At a given signal from the president, the doors of the arena opened and a magnificent carriage appeared, all draped in red velvet, fringed with gold. In this carriage sat Senorita Mercedes del Barte, alias Donna Tancreda.

The "Queen of Valor" is dressed completely in white. Her face and hair are powdered. The carriage stops just in front of the presiding party, and she gets out, smiling and bowing, and throws off her mantle, talking with the ushers while the attendants arrange in the middle of the arena a pedestal of wood about two feet high. When all is ready the impresario addresses the public, and begs them to observe the most rigorous silence during the performance. This is indispensable. Then Donna Tancreda mounts the pedestal, helped by the matadors. She crosses her arms and faces the door from which the bull will emerge. The woman looks exactly like a marble statue. The arena is empty. All the ushers have disappeared behind the barriers and shelters. The deepest silence reigns in the vast auditorium. Half a minute passes thus. Then the

THE BULL STOPS SHORT.

door opens, and one sees in the shadow the enormous head of the bull Gitano. The spectators hardly breathe; many of the women cover their eyes with their hands. It is a terrible moment.

The bull is a superb animal, with a powerful neck and long, straight horns. He raises his head, looks around, and at once bounds upon the white statue.

It is with the greatest difficulty that one can restrain a cry of horror; one's sensations are too painful, and a long endurance of such emotion would be unbearable.

Donna Tancreda is as rigid as marble. The least movement would be fatal to her.

The bull starts back, looks at his strange adversary, and then with a terrible bound rushes up to the pedestal. Anxiety is at its height. But once more the bull stops short without striking. He draws back a few feet, and, taking advantage of this, Donna Tancreda jumps down and rushes behind a screen, whilst the ushers draw off the bull.

The people breathe again. A long sigh escapes from all, and then thunders of applause are heard, and the "Queen of Valor" gets a tremendous ovation.

Donna Tancreda, who was born in Paris, has appeared with success in Barcelona, Valentia, Castile, Madrid, Seville and, for the first time in France, at Roubaix.

Enslaves the Kaiser's Son.

Miss Parker Deacon, who went to Berlin recently with the duchess of Marlborough, created a furore in German court circles. The crown prince, who will be kaiser if he outlives his father, was her devoted slave. In addition to being one of the most perfectly beautiful girls imaginable, she is an excellent linguist and uncommonly clever. Therefore it is no wonder that she causes a sensation wherever she goes. The duchess of Marlborough is devoted to her. Miss Deacon has every prospect of making a brilliant marriage. Miss Secor, another American girl, has made a sensational social success as well as Miss Deacon under the chaperonage of Lady Decies.

Poetry and Labor Mix.

A blending of poetry with the stern reality of manual work in applied science offered a departure in educational methods at the Armour institute of Chicago the other day. President Gunsaulus, determined that labor in greasy shops clad in overalls and jumpers should not rob the students of an appreciation of the delicate flights of poetry, introduced a new feature by giving over an hour to a lecture on one of the later English poets. The purpose of the lecture to the freshmen, as announced by President Gunsaulus, was to give to the students a broad view of the education that might be useful in engineering branches.

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Sye Lewis is the first negro sold into servitude in Kentucky since the war. He was disposed of at Louisville according to the order of the Spencer county court, advertised as follows:

Public Sale of Vagrant Sye Lewis.—Pursuant to the judgment of the Spencer Circuit court, entered at the June term, 1901, thereof in the case of Kentucky vs. Sye Lewis, charged with vagrancy, I will sell said vagrant, Sye Lewis, into servitude for the period of nine months. Said sale I will make at the front door of the courthouse, Taylorsville, on Monday, said day being county court day for said county, at two o'clock p. m. Said sale will be for cash to the highest bidder.

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The law under which the sale was made was passed in 1795, and aimed at

"GENTLEMEN, A BID."

stopping gambling as much as vagrancy. The sale of Lewis was typical of a Kentucky county court day auction. The auctioneer, a man past middle life, stood on the old courthouse steps.

"Gentlemen," he cried, "come right up heah; I'm a-goin' to do something which many of you have never seen, and which some of you have forgot. I'm a-goin' to do something I haven't done for 36 years. I'm a-goin' to sell a nigger. As I just said a minute ago, I haven't seen one sold in 36 years. I saw plenty of it before the war.

"Now, gentlemen, by order of the Spencer county court, I'm a-goin' to sell Sye Lewis, of color, to the highest and best bidder for a term of nine months. I'm told by the sheriff that Sye Lewis cannot be found, so I'm instructed to sell the nigger a-runnin'. Now, I want you gentlemen to understand that we are responsible for the nigger until we deliver him into youh hands befoh the courthouse door. I forgot to say that I don't believe he has any blemishes on him, except a carbuncle on his neck. I can guarantee that he is not stringhaltered or ewe necked.

"Now, gentlemen, we have heard all the terms of the sale. Some one give me a bid on Sye Lewis, and start him along."

After a time some one bid two dollars and when the auctioneer had exhausted his effort to have the bid increased he was knocked down at that price.

Sye is still "a-runnin'."

WOMAN TAKES A WILD RIDE.

Shut Out of Vestibule Car, She Clings to the Steps for Five Miles.

A ride of five miles while clinging to the steps of a vestibule sleeper was the trying experience of Mrs. W. H. Fowler, of Williamsport, Pa. Mrs.

COLLAPSED.

Fowler attempted to board a Pennsylvania train at Montgomery, 20 miles from Williamsport. The porter, not seeing her, closed the vestibule door just as she mounted the steps, and the train began to move. The woman called loudly for help, but the noise of the train drowned her voice.

A mile out of the station a freight train passed in the opposite direction, and Mrs. Fowler's skirts, catching on the engine, were almost torn from her body. It was with great difficulty that she retained her hold. When the train rounded curves the inclined cars made her position still more perilous.

When the train stopped at a station five miles from Montgomery Mrs. Fowler fell in a state of collapse.

Bees Capture Lee's Statue.

The discovery has just been made that bees have constructed hives in the beautiful equestrian statue of Gen. Lee at Richmond. Both the horse and the figure of the confederate chief are replete with honey in the hidden nooks of the monument. The statue of Gen. Lee occupies a conspicuous place in Monumental square, which contains one of the most celebrated collections of bronze figures in the country. Its environs are luxurious, reveling in gardens of great floral wealth.

FIANCE ROBBED HER.

Kentucky Girl Displays Rare Presence of Mind.

When Her Lover Picked Up Her Jewelry and Valuables, It Nearly Broke Her Heart, But Not Her Pride.

"One of the most curious of Kentucky stories, and one that never reached the ears of the newspapers," gossiped a Louisville visitor to a New York Times reporter, the other day, 'occurred some years ago in our city. A promising young man had come to the city, had done well, was of a respectable country family, and had won the love of one of the finest young women in the city.

"An only child, and motherless, she lived with her father in one of the rambling mansions in the outskirts of the city. As is the custom in many southern places, the servants lived in a small building in the rear of the large plot of land surrounding the house. Late one afternoon the father told his daughter that she had better arrange to spend the night with one of her friends, as he expected to leave the city on a business trip and would be gone over night.

"She told him that she would not be afraid to stay in the house alone. She expected to go out to the theater that evening with her fiance. When they returned she would ask him to see that all the windows were securely fastened, and she would feel perfectly secure after he had gone.

"Her father somewhat reluctantly agreed to this, and started on his journey. The girl and her fiance went out together, as they had arranged to do. It seemed a peculiarly happy evening to the young woman. They returned to the house in due time. At her request her fiance examined all the windows and doors to see that they were fastened. She bade him good night and went up to her room, asking him to extinguish the front hall light and close the front door as he left. She saw

TOOK HER JEWELS.

the light go out and heard the front door slam.

"Thinking all was safe, she prepared to retire. Just before getting into bed, and while standing in front of her mirror, combing her hair at a dresser just opposite the door to the room and over which was a transom, she saw reflected from the transom the face of a man. A closer look showed that it was the man she had just left at the door.

"Being of a cool temperament and not possessed of 'nerves,' she made no sign of her observation, but calmly turned out the gas and retired. She lay awake, waiting to see what would happen. In about half an hour she was horrified to see the figure of this same individual climbing through the transom. He got into the room, walked to her dresser, took the jewels from it, including gifts he himself had made to her, ransacked the little treasure boxes she had, and then stealthily returned through the transom. With eyes half closed the young woman watched the whole performance silently.

"Her father returned home next morning and heard the story with extreme indignation. She begged him not to create any scandal about it, and as the young woman was nearly crazed with distress, he respected her wishes. It was finally agreed that she should write to the young man, telling him that she had seen it all, asking him to return her jewelry and requesting him never to let her see his face again.

"The father took this note to the young man, who promptly delivered the valuables he had stolen. The young woman's friends were told that the engagement was off, and it was not until very recently, several years after the incident, that the reason was known to anyone besides the three persons directly concerned in this tragic occurrence of this young lady's life."

Monstrosities Peculiar to America.

London, Glasgow, Manchester and many other British cities regulate transparencies, electric-flash signs, sky signs and the size of letters permissible in posters. Dover, England, requires a license for all street signs not contained within a window. France and Belgium tax street signs, and Belgium awards prizes for artistic signs. It is only in America, it seems, that we permit ourselves to be attacked on every hand by billboards and posters, says the Des Moines Leader, presumably out of sheer love for the ugliness of them.

Rich Find of Amber.

Extremely valuable deposits of amber have been discovered along the coast of the North sea, near the mouth of the River Elbe. The amber is believed to be in such enormous quantities that the government refuses to let it be worked at once for fear of ruining the existing amber works.

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NIHILISM IN DISGUISE.

Since the assassination of President McKinley, public attention has been directed toward the hotbeds of Nihilism, through whose propaganda murder and lawlessness have been fostered and encouraged. Vigorous measures have been adopted to stamp out all vestages of the hydra-headed monster Nihilism and in all probability such measures will be successful. The well being of society, American civilization as we are taught to regard it in its manifestation of morality, justice and enlightenment, the fair name of the nation and the very life of the republic depends upon the vigilance with which law abiding citizens hunt down and punish law breakers and propagators of riot and lawlessness. Czolgosz the personification of the diabolism of Nihilism the tool of wicked marplots and enemies of stable and enlightened government is no greater enemy to mankind than others who are wearing the livery of respectability to serve the devil in, and who are sowing the seeds of discord, sectional and race hatred, mobism and social and political murder. In this connection it would not be out of place to mention two instances representative of the class latterly referred to. A few days ago no less a personage than the editor of the *Louisville Courier Journal* in commenting upon the Booker T. Washington, incident at the White House stated that he was sorry for Mr. Washington, since it was he who would have to "*pay the freight*" and on Wednesday last that archfiend traducer "Calaban" Tillman stated that "the action of President Roosevelt in entertaining that nigger will necessitate our killing a thousand niggers in the south before they will learn their place again.',

Without entering into a discussion as to the propriety or wisdom of President Roosevelt's noble and generous treatment of Mr, Washington, except to venture the assertion that it was one of the noblest acts of his life, we call attention to the manifest attempt on the part of two of the most representative men of the south to foment discord, intensify race prejudice and incite lawlessness and murder. In the language of the '*Courier Journal*' which is the more reprehensible and cowardly on account of its apparent equivocation the suggestion is to make Booker Washington 'pay the freight' which means, if southern methods have not undergone marked revolution, that Washington is to be harrassed in every conceivable way and his life and the existance of the school over which he has charge endangered if not directly assailed. The language of Tillman is characteristic and bold in its meanness and its effrontery. He has expressed openly what the other has hinted at and in either case has done great mischief and emphasizes the attitude of the South toward the government as well as toward the colored race.

The language above referred to is Nihilistic of the most venomous character. It is even worse than Nihilism for Nihilism is hatred toward a form of government, but this disposition on the part of the southern editor and southern Senator expresses hatred toward a defenseless race struggling to take on the highest forms of civilization and steadily and surely moving toward the plane of approved citizenship, manhood and womanhood. It advises riot, murder and lawlessness to feed a morbid hatred and satisfy an invincible sectional revenge. The murderer of McKinley was an ignorant irresponsible proselyte to a vicious doctrine, a weak-minded enthusiast without will, without education, without religious or moral training. What is to be said of the brainiest editor in the South and the impertinent half-educated bully Senator of South Carolina when we find them sowing seeds of sedition and advising mobism and murder and all of the other proscriptive inventions which have been designed to humiliate and degrade the colored people? Since they cannot be reached and punished by the arm of the law, it is hoped that public indignation may be aroused to such an extent that cur-like propensities of the lower instinct of southern character may be given a set-back if not a quietus. When men of the strip of Watterson and Tillman advocate murder little is to be expected from the sub-stratum who are only two anxious and ready to do the colorep people harm. The act of President Roosevelt will rebound to his glory and although it has fired the southern heart to do murder, God in his mercy and wisdom will reward the President and in due time bring the advocates of lawlessness and repine and murder to merited justice. God is just and in the language of Thomas Jefferson "his justice will not sleep forever."

The governor of North Carolina read the negroes a lecture the other day.

The social equality bug bear seems to have disturbed the democrats South.

Senator Hanna will not retire from politics. Politics would lose all flavor if Mr. Hanna were to retire.

Senator Fairbanks will be found among the the favorites in 1904.

Gen. Dick claims Ohio by a large majority.

LITTLE BITS FROM ABROAD.

Smallpox is on the increase in France.

The forests of Great Britain are valued at £2,000,000.

The house of peers is 91 by 45 feet; the house of commons a trifle smaller.

May is the sunniest month of the year on an average in the south of England.

Germany's population has increased 12,300,000 in the last 30 years, and 4,065,000 in the last five years.

A few weeks ago an apothecary shop managed entirely by women—the first of its kind—was opened at St. Petersburg, Russia.

The establishment of an American bank in Berlin and London is contemplated. It is believed that this will open the way for American industrial undertakings and exports in the countries of the old world.

HATS WOMEN ARE WEARING.

Black and white and blue in hat trimming is a very good combination this year.

Low, flat hats, worn tilted forward over the face and the brim covered with long ostrich plumes, are all the fashion at present.

Children never look prettier than in bright red hats, and these are always good trimmed with field flowers. Trimmed with black they are also stylish.

"Floppy" soft hats are pretty with the rim softly falling in its natural way and then trimmed with a wreath of flowers with a bow of black velvet in the back.

A pretty little hat is of blue straw trimmed with daisies. It must be worn with a gown which it will suit. Daisies, the field flowers, are not good form with elaborate or dress toilets.

Employer—I'd engage you for the place at once. only I must have a married man.

Applicant—Keep the place open for an hour, sir, I'll fix that! It's easier to get married than to get a job.—N. Y. World.

AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

Algeria has four zones in which petroleum occurs. One of them is 125 miles long.

Africa now grows 44,000,000 bushels of wheat a year, thus beating Australia, which produces 35,000,000 only.

There were 17 coal and 137 gold mining companies carrying on business in the Transvaal before the war broke out.

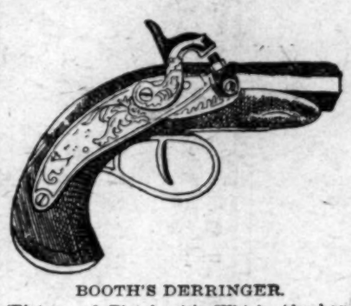
Africa contains 12,497 miles of railways, of which more than 3,000 miles are in British territory and protectorates, besides something over 2,000 miles in Egypt, over 3,000 miles are in French dominions, 1,200 in the Transvaal, 736 in Natal, and a little less than 600 in the Orange colony. Various new enterprises are projected in South Africa.

PISTOL USED BY BOOTH.

Derringer with Which Lincoln Was Shot Is in Possession of a Philadelphia Man.

The assassination of President McKinley recalled to George Plowman, a theatrical architect of Philadelphia, the murder of President Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's theater, Washington, D. C., on April 14, 1865. Mr. Plowman is the possessor of the Derringer, a small vest-pocket revolver, from which Booth fired the fatal shot.

"Several times it has been doubted that the Derringer which I have is the one with which Lincoln was murdered," said Mr. Plowman, "but there is absolutely no doubt that it is the same weapon. Three or four years after the shooting, while George K.



BOOTH'S DERRINGER.
(Picture of Pistol with Which Abraham Lincoln Was Shot.)

Goodwin and myself were running the Walnut Street theater in Philadelphia, the stage carpenter, who was working at Ford's theater the night of the assassination, put in an appearance at the Walnut Street theater. He informed Mr. Goodwin (they had been friends for many years) in a confidential manner that he had in his possession something that had caused him great anxiety. The carpenter, whose name I do not recall, told Mr. Goodwin in my presence that he had the Derringer that Booth had used to murder Lincoln.

"The reason he had not said anything about it prior to that time, he said, was because he was afraid of being arrested. The carpenter said he picked it up on the stage of Ford's theater after Booth had fled to Virginia. He pocketed the weapon and kept it a secret. He drew up a statement of the occurrence and signed it in our presence. Then he gave the Derringer to Mr. Goodwin. When Mr. Goodwin died his widow made me a present of the weapon, together with the stage carpenter's signed statement."

Mr. Plowman prizes the weapon very highly, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, and no amount of money could purchase it.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Prof. George Edgar Vincent May Be Requested to Take Charge of the Institution.

Prof. George Edgar Vincent, who is prominently mentioned as the possible successor of Seth Low in the presidency of Columbia university, is one of the most capable educators in America, and at present an associate professor of sociology in the University of Chicago. He is a son of Bishop Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for more than a dozen years he has been conspicuously associated with the work of the Chautauqua movement, the vast importance and possibilities of which he was one of the first to see. In 1885 Prof. Vincent was graduated from

PROF. GEORGE E. VINCENT.
(Chicago Scholar Who May Be Made President of Columbia.)

Yale and took advantage of an opportunity to study and to travel abroad. He was tendered his present post in the University of Chicago in 1892, and has collaborated with Prof. Small in the production of text books, upon the science of which he is a special student and an able teacher. He is not yet 40 years old, and hence may be said to belong to the ever-growing group of young men who are gradually filling up the big places in American institutions of higher education.

Biggest Tree in the World.

The largest tree in the world is to be seen at Mascali, near the foot of Mount Etna. Its trunk is 304 feet in circumference. The largest tree in the United States is said to be the gigantic tree near Bear creek, on the north fork of the Tule river, in California. It measures 140 feet in circumference. The famous giant redwood tree in Nevada is 119 feet in circumference.

Automobiles for Tourists.

A line of "observation automobiles" is to be run in Washington, D. C., for the benefit of visitors. Each vehicle carries 22 passengers and will be accompanied by a lecturer on points of interest at the capital. The fuel is kerosene and the motive power steam.

A SMOKY CHIMNEY.

Gets Moses Calmer Into a Series of Harrowing Difficulties.

While Investigating He Falls Head First Into Offending Chimney, Kicks It to Pieces and Is Arrested by Irate Landlord.

Arrest, after having become fastened head down in a chimney, being almost choked with smoke, having the chimney fall apart, rolling down the roof of his house, and finally being saved from a fall to the ground by his coat catching on the gutter, allowing him to dangle over the edge, was too much for Moses Calmer, of 294 Maxwell street and he grew eloquent in his own defense in Justice Dooley's court at Chicago, the other day. His pleas failed to move the justice, however, and his case was continued to give him time to replace the chimney or suffer the consequences.

Calmer told Justice Dooley that the chimney smoked so badly it not only ruined his furniture, but actually changed the color of his whiskers. He then went on to tell how a fire was started in the kitchen stove at his home and the house became so full of smoke shortly afterward that he was obliged to let it out through the windows.

Becoming exasperated, he finally got a ladder, and, climbing to the roof of the house, tried to find why the smoke did not come out in the regular way. There was very little smoke coming out when he started to make an examination and he put his head inside to see if any obstruction had been placed there. As he did so he slipped and in a moment his body was wedged between the four brick sides.

His son Isaac, whom he had left to attend to the fire, had added consider-

HIS COAT CAUGHT.

able fuel to the blaze and a short while after Calmer got his head inside the chimney the smoke commenced to come up in volumes. Almost blinded and suffocated, Calmer struggled to free himself when the chimney fell apart, allowing him to roll down the side of the house.

Fortune smiled on Calmer for a moment, for as he struck the iron gutter his coat caught on a projection and he hung suspended in the air. By twisting himself around he managed to get hold of the gutter with his hands and then it took him but a few moments to reach a ladder.

With his eyes smarting and his face begrimed with the smoke Calmer slowly descended to the ground, where the remains of the chimney lay scattered about. He went into the house, determined that Mrs. P. H. Joyce, of Brighton Park, the owner of the building, would have to replace the chimney with one that would work properly. When the latter was notified, however, she declined to agree to any such proposition and declared that Calmer would have to pay for his rather costly experiment. The latter refused and legal proceedings were commenced against him.

HIS CHRISTIAN HUMILITY.

Kept Track of His Failings by Touching Up His Wife with His Shillalah.

The following story from the Emerald isle is a good instance of the delightful inconsequence in an Irishman's ideas: A certain priest was a good deal astonished to find that a man who used to come and confess to him regularly once every year always began his list of offenses "I have beaten my wife." After giving him absolution several times for this misconduct, he thought at last he ought to inquire the cause of this cruelty.

"Ah! but, your riverence," explained the distressed Irishman, "it's not croolty that it is at all, at all. It's just this way. Ye see, I'm cursed with a most ontenacious mimory, an' whin it comes to the ind of the year sorra a one ov all my sins can I remimber."

"Well," said the priest, "and what has that to do with it?"

"Why, thin, ye see, your riverence, I just take me shillalah and give my wife the least taste in life of it across her back, and she reels out all the bad things iver I've done for the last 12 months. 'Tis not croolty, your riverence, that makes me bate my wife, but 'tis just pure Christian humility."

Europe's Military Burden.

France has a soldier to every 59 inhabitants, Germany one to every 89, Italy one to every 126, Russia one to every 134, and Great Britain one to every 100.

The Largest Insect Known.

The largest insect known is the elephant beetle of Venezuela. One was found that weighed 7 ounces.

BOY KING IN TRAINING.

Trouble Has Begun for Louis Philippe, Heir Presumptive to Portugal's Shaky Throne.

Though only a little younger than "little Alphonzo," Louis Philippe, crown prince of Portugal, has led a much more boyish life. Portugal imposes no restrictions upon its future rulers and pays them no homage beyond that of deep respect, and so the little future king has up to this time led the life of a boy. Now, however, all is to be different and the child must realize that he is a man.

Louis Philippe has hitherto occupied a bed chamber in connection with his brother, little Prince Manuel,

CROWN PRINCE OF PORTUGAL.
(Bright Youngster Is Known by the Name of Louis Philippe.)

but now he has been removed to a large stateroom, where he will sleep alone, except for a tutor who occupies a bed near by, but even this is in an adjoining room, so that the little prince will lie down to sleep and dream without human companionship. In accordance with ancient Portuguese custom a tried and trusted valet will sleep across the door sill upon the outside of the doorway, so that no one can enter without disturbing the faithful retainer.

The young prince is a very clever child and full of mischief. He inherits the brilliant talents and the beauty of his lovely mother, Queen Amelie, whose features are of a rare type. The prince is well schooled and speaks many languages. He has not, however, been drilled in military tactics and, contrary to his far-off neighbors, the German princes, knows little or nothing about firearms. This knowledge will be included in his new training and he will shortly ride out with the marksmen to shoot at mock game, then at real. He is an excellent rider and performs many feats of daring.

The kings of Portugal have all been students and little Louis Philippe will be encouraged to tread the path of learning, a road to which he has not been thus far greatly inclined. His new training starts in at once and from this time on his royal highness will be not a boy, but a man.

Among the coming eligibles Portugal's future king must be counted in, for he is a very rich child through his mother's dower right, which descends to him and his brother, and as ruler of Portugal he will receive the largest income in proportion to the size of the kingdom and the necessary expenditures of any ruler in Europe.

LANGUAGE OF BIRDS.

Miss Reina Wright, a Wisconsin Girl, Can Talk Intelligently with Feathered Gossips.

Reina V. Wright, a talented young girl of Fond du Lac, Wis., has mastered the language of birds in a manner which enables her perfectly

MISS REINA V. WRIGHT.
(Wisconsin Girl Who Can Talk to Birds in Their Own Tongue.)

to understand their conversation. Miss Wright, who is now 18, has made a study of bird sounds since she was 12 years old. She began by talking to her feathered friends in their own tongue, and was soon gratified by noting her power of calling them together and imposing silence upon them while she trilled their songs. The birds not only listen, but answer her, sometimes in chorus and again one at a time. Miss Wright is now a teacher of elocution at Grafton hall, in Fond du Lac. She was born in Nebraska and came to Fond du Lac when a child of three. She has been a student in the Ralston University of Expression and Physical Culture at Washington, where she worked under the private direction of President Edgerly. She was graduated last year and then went home to teach.

Fishing for Pink Pearls.

One of the most important industries of the Bahama islands is the gathering of pink pearls. It is the only place in the world where these pearls are found. The pearls, when perfect, bring very high prices, it is said, ranging from $50 to $5,000.

CUPID PLAYS PRANKS

Mixes a Young Woman's "Yes" and "No" Letters.

Discovers Mistake After Missives Are Mailed and Then Frantically Seeks Aid of Uncle Sam to Head Off the Letters.

The Chicago post office has been bombarded with telegrams from a young woman in Kansas City, asking, begging, imploring that two letters which she had mailed to Chicago men be stopped. She explained that her whole future happiness and that of others depended upon stopping the letters.

"Hold the letters. I am on the way to Chicago and will identify them."

That was her last message. Others contained the information that the distracted young woman, having had two proposals of marriage, had answered both, but had put the letters in the wrong envelopes. One said "No," of course, but the other poured forth the fullness of her maiden heart in a love letter that finished with the acceptance of a successful lover's wooing.

The young woman—too bad her name can't be given, but it's against the rules of the post office—arrived at the lake front federal building the other morning. She rushed into the presence of Superintendent Cahill and told him who she was.

"Have you got them?" she asked in breathless suspense.

Mr. Cahill pushed some electric buttons, and in two minutes there was a scurrying of clerks from all parts of the building. They got their heads together in a provokingly deliberate way, but finally Mr. Cahill held in his hand two much-marked envelopes.

"Here are two letters that we stopped in answer to your telegram,"

IT SAYS "NO."

he said; "one was in the West Chicago station and one in the Englewood office. Are these your letters?"

The excited young woman fairly swooped upon the outstretched envelopes. Tears of gratitude and smiles of delight mingled on her pretty face as she thanked Mr. Cahill and tore open the letters.

"See? This is the one to the man I meant to marry. It says: 'No,'" she explained to the sympathetic clerks. "And here is the one to the man to whom I wished to be only a sister. It says: 'Yes.'"

"Oh, sir," she said, blushing violently, "you don't know what a tragedy you and your clerks have prevented. I'd have traveled a million miles to stop those letters. And just to think they had already been sent out to the substations. Oh, it was awfully good of you. I'll go all the way to Kansas City before I write another letter. Then I'll write my 'yes' letter on Sunday and wait a week before I write the 'no' letter. Oh, I'll never take a chance like that again."

If nobody else appreciates this story except a man in Englewood and a man in West Chicago, and those who sometimes put letters in the wrong envelopes, it's all right.

Oldest Known Bank Note.

Among the many interesting things to be seen in the British museum is an old Chinese bank note of the face value of about four shillings, which was bought by Sir John Pope Hennessy, the late governor of Hong-Kong, at an auction about 25 years ago. It was issued in the reign of Hung-Woo, the celebrated founder of the Ning dynasty, who died about the year 1398, and is of great value, as it is believed to be the only one in existence belonging to this period. Bank notes are said to have been used in China before the ninth century, and were certainly issued several hundreds of years before the art of printing was known in Europe.

Voice Suddenly Restored.

Mrs. George Ferris, of Harrisburg Hollow, near Bath, N. Y., strained her vocal cords about a year ago while calling her farm hands to dinner, and entirely lost her voice. From that time she became mute, and so continued until a short time ago, when her dentist extracted two of her teeth. The pain was so intense that, as the second tooth came out, she yelled: "Oh, you mean man!" Then she wept with joy when she realized that her voice had been so strangely restored.

Told of a Mean Man.

A selfish young man in Kansas City married a lame girl, who has to hobble along with a crutch. As [illegible] uld be inconvenient to have a cr[illegible] for a companion on a honeym[illegible] rip, he started to enjoy it alone. [illegible] immediately after the ceremony he took the train for Buffalo to see the sights at the Pan-American exposition. He writes loving letters to his bride telling how he is enjoying himself.

Mrs. Ellen Hardy left for Round Hill Va., to day.

Mrs. James, mother of Miss Marie James is improving.

Among the model teachers are Miases Mortague and Smallwood.

Misses Hattie and Lu Hamer Ella Jennings Mollie Marshall and others will be married soon.

At all the services of the church, strangers and visitors are cordially welcomed. The seats are free, and polite ushers are always in attendance.

By inadvertence, the name of Mr. Ernest Craigwell assistant tenor of St. Luke's P. E Church, was omitted from the list of those who took part in the exercises at the Rectory 1411 Corcoran street, northwest last Monday evening. See notice in another column. Mr. Craigwell sung "O Promise Me," with marked effect.

Musical Notes of St. Luke's P. E. Church.

The St. Luke's quartette, probably the most efficient and artistic in this city, among our colored vocalists, is composed of Miss Nettie Murray, Miss Marie James, Dr. Walker and Mr. Wm. H. Fossett. This quartette should be heard to be appreciated.

This quartette is supplemented by a large chorus of acceptable and competent voices.

Each Sunday evening the musical portion of the church services is accommpanied by a competent orchestra.

On the second Sunday evening in each month doing the present season, a sacred service of song will be given by the choir.

News and Comments.

When Prof. Booker T. Washington visited England some two years ago, Victoria, then Queen of the empire, expressed an agreeable intention to have the eminent educator to dine with her. A dinner was held at which Mr. Washington was not only guest of honor but the idol of England's choicest brain. Just a few evenings ago this same distinguished, all-round celebrated gentleman was similarly entertained at the White House by President Roosevelt. The South lamenting over the high social distinction accorded Mr. Washington by the Chief Executive, came out the next morning and said it was a dirty shame that President Roosevelt had lowered himself so much as to dine with a nigger. This is very easily understood. The south, whose criminal record is as nebulous as the undiscovered fields of Neptune, has been unwell ever since the surrender of Lee to Grant some thirty five years ago in the Wilderness. This incident was merely the beginning of a sectional hatred that grew and developed, having five calendar periods of bloody contraversy, into a brotherheod of relentless precedence. To-day the trace is so discernible. We do not care to ask the reason why. That, we know to well. Reading the comments upon the affair holding our present attention it is painful to say the least. No shade of night matters not how black can hide those carrion glutted word pictures exhuming from the trend of the southern press. Mr. Roosevelt's act was purely an individual taste. Conceding without hesitation that a citizen has a right to share his bread with whom ever he desires, it is more than an imposition for any section, clan or denomination to bring about a war of chastisement, claiming preference to select who should eat at your table or mine. There is scarcely a phase of civil anarchy so underlyingly destructive to well established government as the unchristinized, the unpolished demeanor of the south toward hers, the American Negro, the invaluable, the indispensable agent of that historic soil; and yet he, who by virtue of birth is reared to love and respect his home, must live in sunkon passiveness because the pigments of his skin do not contain the pale hue found in the the caucasian. Just how long this condition will last is perhaps a circumstance too remote for discussion, but at its best, the cancorous out-growth of the situation must soon come to a head bringing let us hope, better times and better reforms.

Miss Blanche Nalle is able to resume her duties at school.

The teacher's college, so long a necessity in the District of Columbia, opened doors for business at Howard University Monday week with Prof. Moore as dean of the department. Since that time the classes have grown until it has been found necessary to form a sensior and junior class, the former comprising those who did not complete last years course; the latter those who have just entered The curriculum of study as mapped out is extremely practical and no doubt will tend to relieve in the future the many petty embarrasments a teacher often encounters in her school room. This department, though called a teacher's college, is not wholly confined to that profession. Anybody interested in such work can make suitable arrangements through Prof. Moore, the principal. Though the program has not been definitely determined, the following will give you an idea of its nature. Prof. Moore, Modern Philosophy and History of Education, Miss Bessie Cook, History of English Literature; Miss Moore, Astronomical and Geometrical Geography, and American History; Prof. Kelley Miller, Advanced Mathematics; Prof. Cluckering Practical Pedagogy and Prof. Hay, Biology. The session of work is from 7 to 9 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Those completing the entire course are entitled to a diploma at the term of graduation. Howard University and her facults should have our entire co-operation in this new departure.

Miss Mabel Turner is still very sick

Messrs. John Washington and Hamilton Martin are taking medicine.

The entire police force of Savannah save park policemen, are mouned.

Leuit. Peyton of the National Guard has been confined to his residence for three weeks with a serious attack of the malarial fever. At this writing he is much better.

Mrs. Cornelia Baggett, the mother of Mr. Bernard Baggett, died suddenly at her home Wednesday with a stroke of apolexy. The deceased was well known in the community where she resided and enjoyed the undivided esteem of all. Funeral was held at the St. Augustine Church Saturday morning at 9 A. M.

The Colored American will make announcement next week to the effect that Mr. Edgar Smith, a compositor in the Government Printing Office and Miss C. J, Canty a teacher in the public schools at Charlotte, N. C. will be united in the bonds of matrimony Thanksgiving week.

SOLVING THE PROBLEM

Ex-Congressman White Purchases Land.

Had the delegates at the recent Afro-American Council elected the Hon. Geo. H. White its president, there would have been such an organization in this country that the negroes would have respected. There is no trimming about Mr. White. He has the respect and confidence of the people and what the Afro-American Council wants is a strong man like Mr. White at its head. Mr. White and several other men have purchased several hundreds acres of land at Cape May N. J., and will soon found a town. Mr. White gurantees to give a clear and good title to all the lots sold. This is the way to solve the race problem. Get trades and get land. Washington and Whites methods. Full particulars in The Bee next week.

PLAY OF ANCIENT RULERS.

Alexander the Great preferred taming fiery and unmanageable horses to any other diversion.

Honorius, ruler of the western empire of Rome, was supremely happy when playing with a pet hen.

Charlemagne devoted much of his spare time to swimming, and easily outstripped all who competed against him.

A queen of Denmark, as a pastime, made dresses, and proudly claimed that most of her garments were the work of her own hands.

Caligula, emperor of Rome, amused himself by feeding human beings to wild beasts, in a portion of his palace expressly arranged for that purpose.

Frederick the Great found needed rest in playing with dogs, and his last words were: "Cover him; he is cold," referring to a hound that had placed his nose against the hand of the dying monarch.

From nothing can a more correct idea of the peculiarities constituting the individuality of those who figure conspicuously in history be gained than from a consideration of their recreations and pastimes—not always in harmony with the character generally attributed to the persons themselves.

Peter the Great allowed himself no rest from work. In those hours which

A German scientist, sweltering in Berlin on a very warm day, hopefully looked forward to the time when the sun's heat will be much less than it is at present. This desideratum is announced to occur in about 10,000,000 years.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

New York has now 60,000 telephone stations, which rank it as the largest of the world's city telephone systems.

The Rontgen rays are now used as a test for death, the body after death being far more opaque to them than during life.

The malaptecurus, a fish only eight inches long, can develop a shock of 200 volts of electricity in the two-thousandth part of a second.

Consul General Guenther, of Frankfort, says that, according to experiments conducted by Mr. H. Janssen on Mount Blanc, it is not necessary to erect poles for stringing telephone and telegraph wires in snow-covered countries. If the snow is several inches thick it serves as a good insulator; the wires can simply be laid down and be ready for transmission of messages. The consul general adds that similar experiments with equally favorable results were made on Mount Aetna.

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A Marked Man.

Maude—I don't see how you recognized Mr. Fhader. He has changed so very much.

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Paris critics have treated the French version of "Quo Vadis" with marked hostility, asserting that it is a plagiarism from the elder Dumas' "Acte" and Chateaubriand's "Martyrs."

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Might Be Cheaper.

Tess—So he jilted her, eh? That must have made her feel cheap.

Jess—Not as cheap as he might wish. She computes the damage to her heart at $25,000.—Philadelphia Press.

Chill Sarcasm.

"Is that painter an impressionist?" asked the young woman.

"To a certain extent," answered Miss Cayenne. "He is under the impression that he is great."—Washington Star.

He Would Know.

She—Papa has an absurd notion that you have money.

He—I suppose we would better let him think so.

She—Yes, but we've got to get married some time.—Detroit Free Press.

ROYAL RAT CATCHER

Lives in London and Is Considered a Great Personage.

Although He Destroys Rodents by the Thousands, Yet John Black Has a Tender Spot for Them in His Heart.

Within a stone's throw of Euston station, London, in the basement of a small house, lives a man who, according to a notice-board outside, is "Rat-Catcher by Appointment to Royalty."

John Black, for such is his name, comes of a race of rat-catchers. His business has descended from father to son, and at the death of that "King of Rat-Catchers," John Newton, he added that worthy's clients to his own.

Black is a man of middle age, and his room is a veritable "rattery." Under the bed, under the table, to the right, to the left, are cages containing rats. They are kept supplied with a liberal quantity of food, for, when hungry, the captive rodent does not hesitate to eat his brother rat. In some cases as many as 20 rats share a cage, but Black is open also to take "paying guests." The latter have private apartments to themselves, are specially fed, and are sleek and comfortable. For the most part they belong to young gentlemen of sporting tastes, and the cost of their board and lodging largely depends upon the sum of the particular owner's pocket-money.

Dogs and ferrets also live in neighborly love on the premises, and a three-legged terrier (the fourth limb fell a prey to rats many years ago) hobbles always at his master's heels.

John Black's most treasured possession, says Tit-Bits, is his "official belt of office." This was presented to his father by Queen Victoria, and the broad black leather circlet bears the royal monogram in silver, flanked on either side by large silver rats. Another valued belonging is an old oil painting of the original John Black, taken in Regent's park in his "official costume" many years ago. Standing erect, attired in a black coat, colored waistcoat, the official belt, high boots and silk hat, he cuts quite an imposing figure. Sad to relate, the rats

BLACK IN HIS "RATTERY."

have wreaked post-mortem vengeance on their foe, for one night they ate large holes in the canvas, and the picture has never been repaired.

In addition to royalty Black numbers many noblemen and the heads of county families among his patrons. Last month he caught no fewer than 480 rats in a large country house in Hertfordshire, which, after being long untenanted, is now in the hands of the decorators for the occupation of an American millionaire.

While engaged in similar work in an Elizabethan mansion down in Dorsetshire Black numbered among his "catch" several pure white rats. These he subsequently sold to good advantage.

The price he generally obtains for his rodents varies from one to two dollars per dozen, "all according to size and quality." Brown rats are worth 25 cents each.

Black's chief customers are the owners of terriers and other dogs with a partiality for ratting. Now and again, when setting out for a night's work, Black is accompanied by young gentlemen "fond of excitement," who pay liberally for the privilege of "assisting." Armed with a species of butterfly-net secured at the end of a very long stick, the rat-catcher seats himself on a chair in the center of the apartment "under operation." Black works more by ear than by eye, for long practice has given him the faculty of netting a rat at the first suspicion of a squeak, although the rodent may at the time be many feet away. When once in the toils the rat is quickly transferred to a specially constructed wire cage.

For this Black insists on using his bare hands, and in consequence he has been bitten many times—so many times, in fact, that both his arms and hands are a mass of scars. Black alleges that he is proof against rat poison, for when (as does sometimes happen) his arm swells up after being bitten he reduces it in an hour or so by means of a herbal preparation of his own.

In addition to his aristocratic patrons Black is under contract with the proprietors of many of the leading restaurants, shops and theaters to keep their premises free from vermin of every kind.

According to his "official card," Black undertakes as "side lines" to his ratting business the wholesale destruction of ants, cockroaches and black-beetles.

Sprinkle with Hot Water.

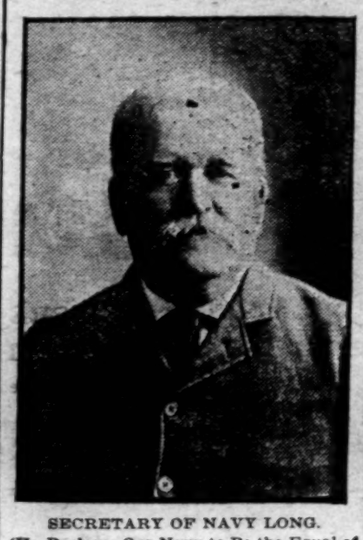
Hot water, drawn from an artesian well, is used to sprinkle the streets of Boise, Idaho.

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

Secretary Long Talks to a Newspaper Reporter About Its Personnel and Efficiency.

The enlisted men are very much improved. Drinking habits are not tolerated, and liquors are no longer allowed on the ships. I issued an order to that effect some two or three years ago, and have found that the results are good. The old sailor has in one sense passed away. There are no longer sails for him to manage and man.

Our navy to-day is as good as any in the world. Not only that, but it is rapidly increasing, both in size and in strength. It is better to-day than any



SECRETARY OF NAVY LONG.
(He Declares Our Navy to Be the Equal of Any in the World.)

other as far as it goes. I say this while admitting that the British and French navies are larger.

Our relations with foreign officers are very cordial, and the very strength of our navy will insure us a long period of peace. While I have great pride in our navy, I am confident that the interests of the world in the future lie in the direction of peace. Not only does Christian civilization shudder at war, but as a financial question it is becoming impracticable. The cost of preparation to-day is more than any nation can bear. When to this you add the still greater cost resulting from loss of business, destruction of commerce, and the general upsetting of all industries, the total reaches an incalculable figure. It will be a disgrace to civilization and a discredit to human ingenuity and judgment if after solving all other great problems it cannot solve the problem of international disputes in some way less clumsy, brutal and costly way than by killing and bloodshed and the destruction of life and property.

CAN USE A LEVER.

President James J. Hill Showed Railroad Laborers a Trick of Their Trade.

One of the most versatile men in the country is James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad. He has a comprehensive grasp of the details of railroading that few men possess. Since he began to pay close attention to the financial side of railroading public attention has been somewhat diverted from the other phase of his management. An incident that occurred recently, however, shows that Mr. Hill is as practical as ever. While on a tour over the Great Northern road his train, which was going down a

JAMES J. HILL.
(Railroad President Who Knows His Business from the Ground Up.)

steep grade, became derailed. Running at a low rate of speed as the train was, no damage was sustained by the officials further than a general shaking up. Mr. Hill was the first man to alight when the train stopped after running several rods along the ties. He found that the locomotive had been thrown from the rails and stood watching the ineffectual efforts of the train crew to place the engine back on the track. Jackscrews were used, but the men did not seem to thoroughly understand the work.

"That won't do," said Mr. Hill. "Your jacks won't lift it when in that position."

But the men applied the levers, thinking they would show the president that they knew their business. The jacks slipped, letting the ponderous machine down on the ties with a bump.

"Let me set that jack," said Mr. Hill. "I don't think it will slip then," and, grabbing the screw, he set it at an incline to his own satisfaction and after throwing a little sand on the top and bottom he exclaimed: "Now, go ahead."

The trainmen were a little dubious at first, but they applied the levers and the huge machine slowly lifted itself into place and slid quietly on to the rails. The delay was only 20 minutes.

HE LOST THE TRAIL.

Terrible Experience of a Miner in the Arizona Desert.

Made Delirious by Cravings for Water, He Passed Through Terrible Hallucinations—Rescued in a Dying Condition.

This incident, reported by the Arizona Republican, happened when Mr. Porterie was working at the Grand Gulch copper mine on Grand wash, as it is now called, north of the Colorado in the Supai plateau in the northwestern part of the territory. The mines were being worked by a Mormon company from St. George, Utah. The company could not get the proper fluxes for its ore, and and therefore did not make a success of the enterprise. It closed down the mine and all who were employed there wanted to go back to Utah except Mr. Porterie, who desired to come south into Central Arizona. He knew there was a good road down the Virgin river and to Mineral park, but it was some distance west of Grand wash and over a desert country he had never traversed and was not familiar with. He was taken up into a high mountain by an old man named Pierce and shown the general direction of the road to the Virgin river. He was told where he could find water half way along the trail, at a well-known spring. He saddled his mule, and with two canteens of water started out alone.

When he got down into the valley he lost the trail, but kept traveling all that day and the following night. Some time the next morning, when the sun got pretty hot and he became almost exhausted, he stopped to make some coffee, having still one canteen of water left. He was holding his mule by the bridle when along came a desert whirlwind and enveloped them, frightening the mule, which dragged him through a cactus plant, and, breaking away from him, started back over the trail. He followed the mule for a couple of miles, then gave up the chase and again started toward

THE MULE BROKE AWAY.

the Virgin river on foot and without water or anything else save an unquenched thirst.

Just how long he wandered he does not know, but before night he began to get delirious, and after that he remembered nothing, except the hallucinations that passed through his mind before he became unconscious. He was, oh, so thirsty! It seemed like his throat was literally on fire, and he was aching all over his body. He tried erevy method he knew of moistening his throat, but the relief was but temporary. He tore open the cactus plants and everything that gave promise of containing the slightest bit of moisture, but his thirst seemed to be an ever-increasing one. He could think of nothing but water.

Finally, as his strength gave way, pleasant dreams began to flit through his mind. He fancied he saw Niagara falls and the vastness of the rapids below them. Then he seemed to face the broad expanse of a great fresh-water lake. He could not see across it. It looked so cool and refreshing he could not restrain himself, and waded into it clear up to his neck. Then he fancied he could feel the fish cavorting about his feet, and everything seemed so peaceful. He was perfectly happy and contented; did not know whether he was alive or dead, and did not care.

About a week later, when he recovered consciousness, he found himself in the camp of some cattlemen, who had found him some hours after he lost track of himself. His lips were swollen and full of cactus thorns where he had chewed up the prickly pear in his desperate thirst. The cattlemen said that when they found him he was stark naked, doubtless having disrobed and thrown his clothes away when he fancied he was going down into the lake. His fingers were raw and bleeding from wounds made while digging in the sand for water.

He says that the agony that comes over one when he first begins to realize that he is about to perish for water is simply indescribable, and it increases every minute till he begins to lose consciousness. But when the body gives up the struggle the mind seems to become unnaturally active in its efforts to soothe by seemingly furnishing that for which the body suffers, and the final hours of the thirst victim are hours of sweetest anticipation.

He Ought to Be Able.

The Pennsylvania man who has started a frog farm expects to raise greenbacks by raising greenbacks.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Cost of Crime.

Criminals are very expensive members of the community. They cost the people of this country about $1,000,000,000 a year.

AN INDIAN TRAGEDY.

Two Braves Gamble for a Girl and Finally Settle Their Bitter Rivalry with Guns.

Annie Red Buffalo is the daughter of a noted Apache medicine man. She in worth $10,000 in her own right. She wears silks and diamonds. She rides in a rubber-tired buggy, but she is one of the most non-progressive and sullen members of her tribe. She hates a white person as did her forefathers years ago. She is said to have poisoned several white men who have wandered into her home at nightfall seeking rest. Her home is situated in the deep woods of Cache creek, not far from the new town of

TWO SHOTS RANG OUT.

Hobart, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. She lives with her aged father and mother.

It came to pass in the course of events and occurrences on the reservation this summer that Paul Eagle and Jack Bear Robe fell in love with this woman. Heretofore they had been the best of friends. Young Eagle is an Indian policeman, or was before his death. She induced him to cast aside his star and have nothing more to do with the white people. He followed her everywhere. He and Bear Rob came to be enemies of the worst kind. Hence it was no surprise when Eagle challenged his former friend to gamble at monte for the girl.

Miss Red Buffalo was chosen by both as dealer, and the game was a drawing card for all the members of the tribe. A few white people ventured on the gambling ground, but they were assured that their presence was not needed. The game lasted three days, during which time neither could beat the other so badly at the game as to win favor in the eyes of the dealer. She would withhold her decision when one player nearly "broke" her former friend, and the same way when the other succeeded in winning nearly out. Then, cross from loss of sleep, the young men agreed to shoot it out. To this the girl assented cheerfully.

Rifles were chosen, and the young men stepped back 30 paces. At the word fire, given by the woman, two shots rang out on the night air. Eagle fell, pierced by the assassin's bullet. Bear Robe was arrested and is now in jail at Fort Sill. It was not before the young woman for whom he fought had married him in the most approved Apache fashion. She says she will spend her fortune in having him cleared if possible.

DOG WAS FAITHFUL.

But Finally It Grew So Jealous of Its Little Mistress That It Had to Be Killed.

Patrolman Ferdinand Kidd, of the northern district at Baltimore, Md., was obliged to kill a pet fox terrier for the rather unusual reason that it

WITHOUT A GROWL OF PROTEST.

was too fond of the policeman's little daughter. According to the patrolman's story, the pup was taken in hands by the child when the dog was but a few days old, and the two were playmates for several years. As the dog grew older its attachment for the child became noted in the neighborhood, while its general viciousness toward everybody else was equally as well known. The little girl would beat the dog, drag it about by the tail, stick things in its ears and otherwise abuse it in all sorts of ways without a single growl of protest on the part of her canine playmate, but if anyone else took any liberties with it it was ready to spring at him in an instant.

Finally the dog became so jealous of the child that it would allow no other children to play with her, and when the couple returned from a stroll it was with difficulty that Mrs. Kidd could separate them. This state of affairs was maintained until the father came to the conclusion that the dog was a menace to the other children in the neighborhood, and was obliged to shoot the too faithful beast.

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I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and urgently request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss May Clematis.

The more ignorant some people are, the more they think they know.

The girl who associates with a man simply because he is good looking, regardless of his disposition and habits is very foolish.

Louise:—It is cheaper to spend your money taking care of yourself than to pay doctor's bills trying to regain health.

Elsie:—A person, who disowns that he is married is false to himself.

Visitor:—If the prominent doctor, widower of South Washington is married, and has been for several months, it is news to me.

It is the quiet, unassuming girl who wins every time.

Bell:—Don't be carried away with faces, you may be deceived.

The Young Chesterfield of Howard University Medical Class, over estimates his importance.

Emma:—I dislike to see girls visiting the house of their betrothed, except when she goes there in company with him.

Laura:—Don't laugh at a homely person when you are not even good looking.

Louise:—Yon are too old to associate with boys, they make you look older than what you really are.

Common sense is more essential than a good education.

Amee. It is always best to be reserved in company. Some people admire one for their dress, others for their beauty but few for the good qualities in one.

N. T. Don't allow yourself to be persuaded away. You should first be convinced that you will be benefited before you say or do anything.

Y. T. Don't imagine because you are told that you are pretty that it is really true. Look at yourself before you come to a conclusion.

R. M. The best thing that you could do in your case is not to be too hasty in agreeing to the offer of marriage. If you are doing well and you are receiving a good salary think well.

Lulu:—The person who is so willing to relate what others said about you should be ignored. An honest companion will not betray you.

Ida:—May your future days be bright. If you are going to better your condition why marry. But, be certain in this change that you are about to make.

Etta. It is not wise to change your old and reliable friends. You have plenty of friends when you are doing well, but when you are dependent your friends are few. Your success is due to your own perseverance honesty, and true womanly virtue.

Dorah. The man who would forget himself to disgrace a woman is unfit for the company of any lady. No true gentleman would dare to insult a lady.

B. M. You should always watch the person who brings you falsehoods. Be true and honest in all things.

Ella. Your ring is pretty. You deserve it. Your sweet disposition will win for you numerous friends. Your wedding day is not far off. May your happiness ever be what is now. Your mother's visit to the city explains it all. Pray tell the household the date of the affair. Your friend I will no doubt look sweet in her white as your maid of honor.

Ellie The poor school teacher has a lot to do. She works from morning until night. Her pay is small, yet their are some who think that the pay is sufficient.

Keep clean is what all girls should do.

Your company should be the best. Do your duty home and don't be ashamed of work.

Don't allow new faces to change you toward old friends.

You will have to return to them after your new companions get tired of you.

You are to select your company as well as your companions.

Read good books, they will improve you.

Beauty is only skin deep, it soon fades.

A girl is most beatiful when she is sedate.

A girl should be a good house keeper no matter how much she is worth.

Good qualities are only found in well reared girls.

Don't marry until you are certain that you can better your condition.

If you marry for fun, you may regret it.

Don't imagine that everything is true that is told you.

MURDERED BY BULL.

Man Is Deliberately Killed by a Revengeful Beast.

Other Instances Which Prove Conclusively That Animals Frequently Cherish Enmities Toward Human Beings.

In almost every part of the world man-killing by animals is common enough, but cases where a man is murdered deliberately by an animal are quite rare. There have been cases, though, where animals have killed men in such a manner that, had they been bipeds instead of quadrupeds, they would have been tried for and convicted of murder in the first degree. Stories of several murders by animals come from England. A Lincolnshire bull suddenly evinced a hatred for its owner, and the farmer had need of the greatest agility to avoid the animal whenever he happened to be in the same field with it. With every one else on the farm the bull was as gentle as could be, and even would come to the farm hands to be petted in response to a peculiar call. One day a farm hand working in a field saw the bull, which was grazing in a meadow near by, walk to a gate leading to the yard of the house, lift the latch with his nose and pass through. In the yard was the farmer, asleep in a chair tilted against the side of the house. The bull seemed to know that the farmer was asleep, and stealthily approached him. The farm hand, realizing what the animal was about, ran with a pitchfork to try to prevent the impending murder, but he was too late. The bull paused within half a dozen paces of the sleeping farmer, lowered his head and made a

TRAGEDY ON A FARM.
(Revengeful Bull Makes Deadly Attack on Sleeping Farmer.)

furious rush, pinning the man against the side of the building and killing him instantly. Without waiting to gore his victm the bull turned and strolled out into the meadow again.

A corporal in a native Indian regiment was murdered by a monkey. The monkey had been caught young, and had been kept as a pet by an officer of the regiment, who was fond of him on account of the unusual intelligence he showed. It was the duty of a certain corporal to feed the monkey, and one day he accidentally gave it some food which caused it great pain. The monkey never forgot or forgave the corporal, though another soldier was assigned to the duty of feeding the animal. One morning the officer awoke to find his pet, which slept in the same room, missing. He dressed hastily and went out. The first thing he heard was that the corporal had been found in his company room with his throat cut, the monkey sitting on his body toying with a razor. The razor subsequently was identified as one belonging to the officer, and had been left on the table in his room when he went to bed the preceding night. To commit the crime the monkey must have gone out, razor in hand, into the pitch-dark night, walked 200 yards to the men's quarters, slipped past the guard and made his way down a long corridor to the room where the corporal was sleeping. No one saw the monkey until after the murder had been committed.

A boy of 13 was murdered by a race horse, which had taken a violent dislike to him. It is believed that the boy at some time had teased or maltreated the horse, for it was gentleness itself with every one else. The boy was warned not to go near the horse, but one day he entered a loose box stall where his enemy was confined. The horse at once knocked the boy down, grabbed him by the back of his waistcoat with his teeth and beat his brains out by slamming him against the sides of the stall. The horse kept the would-be rescuers at bay while he was committing his murder by kicking violently. Having killed the boy, he allowed the stable hands to enter the stall without trying to do them harm. There have been several instances where elephants have watched an opportunity and murdered their keepers, against whom they had some grievance, perhaps of long standing.

Pussy's Salary Was Raised.

Some time ago the cat of the St. Paul post office made a record by slaying 125 rats and mice in one month. In recognition of her abilities the postmaster wrote to Washington, asking an increase in her salary, and she now receives $10.40 a year. Soon after she showed her gratitude by presenting the government with five kittens, each of which entered the United States service as soon as it was old enough to tackle a rat.

A PARROT AND DOG TIME.

Iris Judge with the Wisdom of a Solomon Gets a Difficult Case Off His Hands.

There were two cases in the correctional chamber at Paris of a decidedly opera bouffe character. The plaintiffs in each case were women. Plaintiff No. 1, being asked to state her case, said it all came about owing to a parrot. The bird had a vicious disposition and its mistress (the defendant) egged it on to be even worse than it was by nature. The plaintiff could not put her head out of the window without the bird shouting opprobrious epithets at her and generally libeling her character.

Before deciding this case the judge said he would hear the other, where-

THE BIRD IS VICIOUS.

upon the second matron stated that what she had to complain of was her neighbor's dog. It had been taught to bark at her whenever she went out, and so maliciously clever was the animal that at the instigation of its mistress it actually threw stones at her window panes by tossing them up with its paws.

By this time the people in court were convulsed with laughter, but the judge remained serious. In commenting upon the two cases he pointed out that neither action had been correctly described as a suit for libel. Then he rendered his decision, which was worthy of a Solomon. One of the plaintiffs, he said, should have prosecuted the dog, the other should have cited the parrot. Both actions having been wrongly instituted, he should, therefore, dismiss them both.

REFUSED TO BE SPANKED.

Pretty Actress Balks at the Unique Demands of Her Manager for a Sensation.

Miss B. Agnes Lane was asked to submit to a spanking on the stage, just to liven up the first act of "Don Caesar de Bazan." Miss Lane declined to be spanked, so her engagement to play Maritana in a "Don Caesar" road company was canceled and now she has asked her lawyers to sue Edwin Rostell for the amount she invested in costumes to be used in the play. Miss Lane played minor parts last season in the Bernhardt-Coquelin company.

"I was hired as a leading woman," said Miss Lane, "and after the rehearsals were all over I was told that I was not soubrettish enough to suit some mythical person referred to by the manager as the financial backer of

"I REFUSE."

the company. I never could find out who the backer was. Mr. Rostell told me that he was delighted with my acting, but that the gentleman with the money was not satisfied. He wanted Don Caesar to take me across his knee and spank me. When I refused he said I would have to quit the company. The mysterious and nameless backer with money wanted to spoil that beautiful tableau at the end of the first act by having me in a short skirt stretched across a man's knee and getting spanked just for jumping up and saying: 'What's that,' when they fired the guns."

Hanged Herself in Public.

A strange story comes from China of the public suicide of a Chinese woman at Foo Chow. She resolved on the deed after the death of her husband, and informed the public of her intention. The taotai endeavored to prevent her, and on account of typhoon and floods the suicide was twice postponed, but all efforts failed to divert the woman from her purpose, and, bedecked in her finest clothes, she publicly hanged herself on a platform before which stood several hundred spectators.

Asks $3,000 for Her Kisses.

A circuit court jury at Sheboygan, Wis., awarded Mrs. Bouska, of the town of Adell, a verdict for $500 as balm. Peter Hugent was the defendant in the case. He promised Mrs. Bouska one dollar for every kiss she gave him. Failing to collect she instituted suit. She asked the court for $3,000 damages.

THE NEW POLICEMAN

Neatly Tricked by Young Rascals He Intended to Capture.

Carriage Used as Hiding Place Almost Proves His Undoing—Is Driven Into the Country and Has to Pay His Fare Back Again.

A Milwaukee man was recently appointed to the police force of a city up in the state, and being from the "city" was anxious to show his brother patrolmen how to do things in real metropolitan style.

It chanced that the new officer was detailed to a beat on which was located the opera house, and he was given special instructions to watch the crowd of small boys, who for weeks had been a source of great annoyance to the manager of the theater.

On the evening when a particular attraction was billed at the playhouse, says the Milwaukee Sentinel, the policeman noticed the boys as usual hanging about the front doors and creating no small disturbance. Now as a matter of fact boys in the small towns have a way of dodging police officers even as they do in the cities, and the new policeman, realizing this, thought that he would work a plan which would be the means of making him a much-talked-of sleuth at the central station.

A number of hacks and carriages were standing at the theater entrance, and the new policeman, after, as he thought, eluding the gaze of the youngsters, crossed in the shadow of the street and ensconced himself on the cushion seats of a hack, ready in an instant to run out and grab the youthful offenders. But he did not know the kind of youngsters he had to deal with. More than one pair of eyes watched him cross the street, and it was not long before a boy's voice told the driver of the hack, who was taking a drink in a near-by sa-

A YELL TO STOP.

loon, that the policeman was snoozing in the vehicle.

There was a moment's discussion and then a plan of revenge was decided on. The hackman walked noiselessly around the dark side of the carriage, and before the officer knew what was being done the horses were whipped and going at a mad rate of speed down the street.

There was a yell from inside to stop, but the driver never heard. Around corners and over crossings at a pace that made the policeman's hair stand up with fright the horses dashed as he clung frantically to the seat to keep from having his head bumped against the top of the hack.

The ride lasted for 15 minutes, and when the horses were finally allowed to settle into a walk and stop the distance back to the policeman's beat was reckoned by the hack driver at about four miles. Of course there was an argument, possibly some language that would not bear repeating, but through it all the hack driver maintained an air of calm indifference until, in a last effort to contain himself from laughing, he made the proposition that the policeman pay his fare back to town.

It was insult to injury in the officer's eyes, but notwithstanding he remembered that the chief was at the theater and if he was not seen upon the beat when the play was out questions would be asked. Accordingly, with much loud talk, a $2 bill was produced, and the driver with professional politeness opened the carriage door for his passenger to enter on the return trip.

When the hack finally did come in sight of the opera house there was a scattering of small boys, but it was not done quick enough for the new officer to escape hearing the delighted peals of laughter as the last tattered coat and cap whisked around the corner.

Find Diamond in City Dump.

A diamond earring, valued at $250, and lost by Miss Lizzie McDonald, was recovered later in a pile of garbage at the city dump at the foot of Ninety-fifth street, Chicago. Miss McDonald is a relative of Dr. Larkin, and was visiting at his home when she lost the earring. She did not discover the loss until the house had been thoroughly cleaned. When a search was made the pendant could not be found. The garbage had been carried away and the members of the family did not know who had removed it. Through Ward Inspector Walsh the identity of the garbage man was learned. He took Dr. Larkin to the place where he had dumped the load of garbage, and, after a search of half an hour, the earring was found.

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JOTTINGS OF THE POETS.

The Rules That Failed.

He longed to live a hundred years,
And turned from dissipation;
He managed daily to indulge
In proper recreation;
He never drank nor smoked nor chewed,
He husbanded his powers
And never varied from his rule
Of keeping proper hours.

He made a study of the forms
And mysteries of diet;
He shunned the busy marts of trade,
To live in peace and quiet;
He wore hygienic hats and shoes,
Hygienic shirts and collars—
He'd ne'er have slept without fresh air,
For twenty thousand dollars.

He might have lived a hundred years,
As he so much desired,
If he had not lain down one day
And suddenly expired.
They rubbed his hands, they called his name,
Alas! he would not rally—
He and a sturdy William goat
Had frolicked in an alley.
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

Nature's Voices.

No false note ever strikes in Nature's music,
Pure melody in every tone, the strain
Of harmony is in its depths, the sweetness
Of brook, of wind, and patter of the rain.

A drowsy sense of comfort in the lapping
Of waves upon the beach. A grand, deep strain
Of organ in the long, majestic clapping
Of thunder, rumbling in the lightning's train.

The hum of bees, the insects in the meadow
Beating their wings in tones as sharp and shrill
As tree toads utter in the falling shadow,
The happy songs of birds; all charm and thrill.

A thousand voices touch our hearts and senses,
From faintest echo in a cave, to roar
Of ocean rushing in bewildering fury
To gather in his arms the waiting shore.
—Claire K. Alden, in Farm Journal.

Peace.

The heart where peace abides is like the ocean
Whose depths the surface storms can never move,
But still abides in deep, unruffled quiet,
For all the foam-flecked waves that roll above.

The heart where peace abides is like the heaven.
The limped dome where clouds in sullen might
May come and go; but through each rift appearing
The blue shines forth the same serene and bright.

Oh, send our hearts this blessed peace, great Father!
That thus endowed and cheered through Thy dear love,
This life becomes to us, Thy faulty children,
A foretaste of the better life above—
—Miss E. H. Warner, in N. Y. Observer.

Harvest Song.

Summer all is pleasure past,
Summer charm is a tale that's told;
Days of reaping have come, at last,
Days of ripeness and days of gold;
Down the meadow-way, glad and strong,
Love comes singing his harvest song.

Love in brown and the ripest gold
Brown and browner of limb is he,
Master strong in the garden mold,
Lord of pasture and plant and tree
Treasure-burdened, he plods along,
Singing brightly his harvest song.

And in answer the autumn breeze
Sings a pleasant and fair refrain,
Through the boughs of the orchard trees,
O'er the fields of the waving grain.
Hark, the echoes about him throng—
Nature's singing her harvest song.
—Frank Walcott Hutt, in Farm Journal.

Causes of Comfort.

Petted Wife — This old-fashioned chair is delightfully antique, but very uncomfortable. I don't see how your mother could like it.

Husband (mildly)—I presume she was usually tired when she sat down.
—N. Y. Weekly.

Cynical.

"I wonder if there really is any honor among thieves?"

"Certainly not. Thieves are just as bad as other people."—Philadelphia Press.

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Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of the Christian Record, has sold that paper out to the Union party for thirty lucre, and the Board of Directors of Douglass Hospital asked his immediate resignation.

Mr. Robert Ricks who was arrested and charged with having taken a few egg cases had the matter properly adjusted through his attorney W. Calvin Chase. The employer of Mr. Ricks was satisfied that he meant to commit no offense.

The Odd-Fellow lyceum Mrs. M. A. Parker, D. W. R., will deliver an address, subject: Moral Contemptation, The musical director. Mr. Samuel H. Hunter will furnish the musical program, Sunday November 10th, Ex-District Grand Master D. B. Webster will read a paper entitled: History of the Order.

His Skull as Hard as Steel.

Pittston, Pa.—Charles Moody, colored, an employe of the Wyoming Paper Mills, fell 30 feet from a trestle, which crosses the Lehigh Valley tracks. Moody landed on his head on a heavy rail, but escaped serious injury. His companions thought him dead, but he quickly revived and laughingly walked away.

Rev. James H. Lee to Marry

Rev. James H. Lee, pastor of the third Baptist Church will soon wed Mrs. Ricks of Ridge street. Rev. Lee is one of the best known Baptist ministers in this city and a man of high standing. Mrs. Ricks is also well know and a lady greatly beloved by a large circle of friends. The marriage will take place shortly but it will be a quiet affair.

Doing Good Work

Attorney Thomas L. Jones has been making sevesal speeches in Maryland during the past two weeks, in company with assistant prosecuting attorney Peyton Gorden. Mr. Gorden is well known in the State and highly respected and honored by the citizens. The speeches of Messrs. Jones and Gorden have been very effective and beneficial in Mongomory county.

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They Have Found Friends in Public Printer Palmer and Mr. Ricketts.

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The negro printers owe a debt of gratitude to Public Printer Palmer and Mr. Ricketts.

RECORDER CHEATHAM MARRIED.

A Simple but Pretty Marriage, The Bride Said to be Well Connected, He Returns to his Home to Enjoy his Honey Moon.

Special to THE BEE.

Branchville, Va. Oct. 30, 1901.

The beautiful town of Branchville, Va., was a scene of matramonial happiness on last Wednesday evening. The occasion was the marriage of recorder H. P. Cheatham of Littleton, N. C., at present recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, to Miss Mary L. Jaynet of Branchville, Va. Miss Jaynet is reputed to be worth some thousand dollars, and is a lady of refinement and education. After the ceremony the Mr. and Mrs. Cheatham left for the home of the groom, Littleton, N. C., where they will spend a brief honey moon. After which they will return to the city of Washington. Recorder Cheatham and his bride received many congratulations. The bride is one of the best known and highly respected ladies of Branchville, Va.

Some Chinese Proverbs.

Trust not a vain woman, for she is first in her own eye.

A woman and a child are alike; each needs a strong, uplifting hand.

A vain woman is to be feared, for she will sacrifice all for her pride.

A haughty woman stumbles, for she cannot see what may be in her way.

A woman with children has not yet the most precious of her jewels.

Give heed to the voice of an old woman; sorrow has given her wisdom.

Like sheep that be leaderless are many women come together for much talk.

Woman is the ease for that which pains the father, she is balm for his troubles.

Speak not ill of any woman, if a woman be not righteous, what she is speaks for itself.

Respect always a silent woman; great is the wisdom that holdeth her tongue.

PLENTY OF RED TAPE

Medieval Days Will Be Recalled at Edward's Crowning.

Peeresses to Be Ranked by Length of Train, Lords by Rows of Ermine—The King's Coronation Robe.

Nobody in England seems to talk anything but coronation. Nothing in connection with that great ceremony seems too trivial to discuss. In fact, all manner of subjects relating to it are continually cropping up. There is quite a commotion and bewilderment over the duke of Norfolk's order as to the dress to be worn by peeresses at the coronation, all asking one another what "full court dress" really means. Until now it has always been supposed that feathers, veils and long trains were absolutely de rigueur. Now, poor peeresses ask: "How can we wear two trains? How can a coronet be worn with three feathers and a veil?" Of course, it is expected that the earl marshal will sooner or later issue a supplementary order.

Nobody, however, seems to have noticed that peers are not to wear the orthodox white satin doublet, trunks and white silk hose that have always been worn at past coronations. The order states that robes are to be worn by peers over full court dress, uniforms or regimentals, which will detract in no small degree from the pomp and glamour of the scene.

Again, peeresses are to wear their robes over full court dress. This, again, is an innovation, for formerly white satin dresses, trimmed with gold lace and embroidery, were the correct attire.

Barons are allowed two rows of ermine, viscounts 2½, earls three rows, marquises 3½ rows and dukes four rows. All the mantles and robes must be worn over full court dress, uniform or regimentals.

The earl marshal's order banishes counterfeit pearls and all jewels from

EDWARD'S CORONATION ROBE.
(In It He Will Be Crowned King of Great Britain and Ireland.)

coronets, which are to be "silver gilt, the caps, of crimson velvet, turned up with ermine, with gold tassels on top. No jewels or precious stones are to be set or used in coronets, nor counterfeits of pearls instead of silver balls."

The number of the latter permitted revives a nice sense of distinction. A baron's coronet bears six silver balls, a viscount's 16, an earl's eight, with gold strawberry leaves between; a marquis' four balls and four leaves alternately. A duke's coronet has no balls and has only eight gold strawberry leaves.

The earl marshal next prescribes the robes, mantles and coronets to be worn by the peeresses. These are of the same materials as the men's, with similar graduations in the numbers of bars of ermine and balls.

The length of the trains marks the difference in rank. A baroness is only allowed a train of three feet, a viscountess has 1¼ yards, countesses have 1½ yards, a marchioness has 1¾ yards and a duchess two yards.

Then follows a curt notification as to who shall be excluded. Peeresses in their own right and widows of peers are allowed to come, but widows who have remarried beneath their rank in the peerage are "not entitled to a summons to attend the coronation."

Some dryasdust has fished up an old drawing by Sir George Nayler, at that time garter king at arms, showing George IV. as he appeared in his coronation robes, and this, it is said, has been approved by King Edward VII. as correctly illustrating the garments he will wear when he is formally crowned in Westminster Abbey next summer.

This is supposed to show that Edward VII. will emulate the splendor which attended the coronation of George IV. rather than the modest displays made by William IV. and Queen Victoria. The crowning of the fourth George cost $5,000,000, his mantle of crimson velvet and ermine alone costing $10,000, while the coronation of Queen Victoria only entailed an expenditure of $1,500,000.

First in importance among the garments the king will wear is the imperial or dalmatic robe. It is a three-cornered mantle, fashioned like a cope. One side is about 3½ yards in length, to cover the shoulders and hang down in front; the other sides slope into a train reaching about a foot upon the ground.

The dalmatica was anciently worn by persons of the highest rank; it also signifies a part of the attire of an archbishop, and is shaped like a "Y" and decorated with small crosses.

Industry Ruined by War.

The rearing of worms and manufacture of silk were completely broken up in America by the revolution.

THE OLDEST PEERESS.

Enviable Position Occupied by Lady Burdett-Coutts, Wife of Ashmead Bartlett.

When the great coronation day of King Edward VII. of Great Britain arrives and the many notable people who have the right to attend the magnificent ceremony assemble to do honor to the king and queen, certainly two of the most interesting ladies present will be Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the oldest peeress in her own right, and sweet-faced little Lady Betty Bligh, Baroness Clifton of Leighton Bromswold, the youngest peeress, who will be barely two and a half when the king is crowned.

BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS.
(The Oldest Peeress in Great Britain and Ireland.)

Still another child baroness is little Lady Beaumont, who was born in 1894 and is therefore just seven years of age; the young countess of Cromartie also came into her title while still a girl in her teens, and yet another of the few baronesses in their own right is Lady Yarborough, Baroness Conyers, who holds two titles, her husband's, by which, of course, she has been known since her marriage some 15 years ago.

Among the peeresses, it is safe to say, not one is held higher in estimation by her personal friends and the world at large than the aged Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who, although 87 years of age, still takes the keenest and most practical interest in the many philanthropical schemes with which she is connected and is surprisingly vigorous. The baroness, whose life has been one long round of philanthropy, was created a peeress in 1871, just ten years before her marriage with Ashmead Bartlett (who has since adopted her name) created so much comment.

A SCHOLAR OF NOTE.

Dr. Edward Asahel Birge, Acting President of the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Edward Asahel Birge, who will temporarily fill the office of president of the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, pending the selection of a successor to Dr. Charles Kendall Adams, is one of the most capable and most popular of the teaching staff of the university and, moreover, has been connected with the faculty for upwards of 25 years. When he came to Madison in 1875 it was in the capacity of instructor in natural history, and his early work led to his promotion within a year to the chair of zoology. About ten years ago he

DR. EDWARD A. BIRGE.
(Ad Interim President of the University of Wisconsin.)

was elected head of the department of letters and science, and in that capacity has demonstrated his entire usefulness to the university and his general ability as a man of science. In his earlier days Dr. Birge was a student of histology in Leipsig, and he has developed an international reputation in his chosen line. The acting head of Wisconsin is not yet 50 years old, and is in the prime of a strong and intellectual manhood.

Passing of a Noble Bird.

Another bird believed to have become extinct is the California condor, twice as large as the condor of the Andes. Its length was 5 feet, weight 25 pounds, and spread of wings 12 feet. An egg of this bird is worth $2,000 to collectors, but none has been found for 17 years. Eggs of the golden eagle sell in San Francisco for $32 each.

Latest Sea Serpent Story.

This season's sea serpent story takes the form of a sea of snakes. A ship just arrived in Philadelphia reports a belt of snakes 15 miles wide in the Indian ocean. The snakes, averaging three feet in length, were of an unknown species and are supposed to have been brought to the surface by a volcanic disturbance.

Englishmen Return Thanks.

Londoners are just discovering the joy added to life by an American refrigerator.

AN OBJECT OF HATE.

Venezuela's Dictator, Castro, Is a Man Without Friends.

He Rules His People with a Hand of Iron and Knows as Much of Government as a Bandit Chief.

Cipriano Castro, president of Venezuela, is the most unhappy ruler in the world. No oriental sovereign lives in such constant dread of assassination as does this dictator of a so-called republic.

The dictator has the face of a tired man, eyes of the ferret, mouth of cruelty. By temperament he is nervous, irritable, impatient, his excitability finding expression principally in his thumbs. Of government he has shown that he knows as much as a chief of bandits.

That which Castro most fears is not earthquake, not nature, but human kind. Were he to camp on the summit of Vesuvius the uncertainty of the prolongation of his career could not be greater than it is as the dictator of Venezuela. The country over which he rules is a volcano and Caracas is its crater. One day last year, in the Prado, a man named Lopez fired a pistol point blank in Castro's face. By a miracle the bullet went astray. When the would-be assassin was brought before Castro, the dictator jerked his thumb toward the door, and Lopez was thrown into that black hole of Caracas, the Rotunda. Recently, when the judge of the superior court inspected the prison, none of the prison authorities could remember having seen Lopez after the first days of his incarceration. "Escaped," said the governor of the prison, but offered no proofs. The verdict of Caracas, when the judge told the tale, was: "Murdered and buried, in the jail." Perhaps Castro had jerked his thumb downward.

Castro's own soldiers love him not. "He took away our thin uniforms," they say, "and dressed us up in cloth uniforms and caps, like French sol-

CIPRIANO CASTRO.
(President of Venezuela, Called a Man Without Friends.)

diers. Besides, he seldom pays us. So he is glad when we desert, simply putting new men in our places." The officers of Castro's army, however, make no complaint. For every time the dictator uses the military as the instrument for making a golden haul the officers get the drippings. To illustrate: Last fall the soldiers reported that three rich Caracas merchants were hoarding gold within their homes. The dictator ordered that each of these men be taxed $60,000 for the "support of the government." The merchants refused to pay. Castro turned them over to certain army officers, who, having made them prisoners, kept them tied to stakes facing the sun all day and facing an electric light as fiercely bright as the sun all night. Half blinded and almost crazed by their sufferings, they at last yielded and paid the "tax."

Another case was not quite so profitable, either to Castro or his military staff. A German merchant arrived in Caracas and proceeded to collect bills payable to the amount of $12,000 in cash. Castro not only forbade the German to take the money out of the country, but demanded that it be paid over for "government support." The man was arrested and tortured until he understood that it was his money or his life, and so led the soldiers to the place where the treasure was hidden.

A few weeks later one of the kaiser's cruisers put in at Laguayra, and the captain hurried over to Caracas and demanded not only the $12,000, but the punishment of the officers who had maltreated a German subject. Castro, livid of face, liquidated on the spot and the guilty members of his staff are still in Maracaibo prison.

Castro, says the New York World, has not a single friend among the foreign representatives in Caracas. All the members of the diplomatic corps, on behalf of countrymen who have interests in Venezuela, watch Castro with suspicious, untrusting eyes. For the dictator has more than once openly asserted that if he could he would annul all concessions of land granted to foreigners by his predecessors, and sell the same over again to others. He actually did annul concessions enjoyed by the various Orinoco river companies—all American concerns. But he has not yet succeeded in selling these over again.

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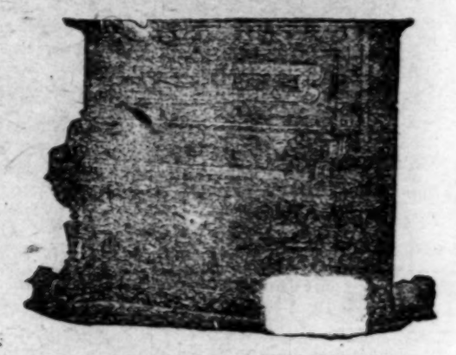

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Is it because we're growing sage,
Or merely losing vim?
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"Late again, Jane! You are always behind time. It's no use talking to you. I shall have to get another girl."

"I wish yer would, mum. There'd be plenty of work for the two of us."
—Punch.

Fees and Fees.

He thought he'd won a fine estate,
To hold it all in fee;
He thought, but then he guessed again,
As he paid his lawyer's fee.
—N. Y. Evening Sun.